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HEALTHY OUTLOOK.

**LANE CRAWFORD'S ANNUAL MEETING.
NEW STORE NEXT YEAR.**

"All Sales Records Will Be Broken."

That the business of the Company is in a very healthy state and is expected to break all records when new premises are opened next year were the principal facts brought out at to-day's annual meeting of Lane Crawford, Ltd.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton presided over the meeting, supported by Messrs. J. D. Thomson, A. S. D. Coulson, E. M. Raymond, Chan Tong, W. Eustace, F. M. Crawford, B. L. Bridger, S. J. Crawford, Secretary, and the following shareholders: the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bled, and Messrs. D. M. Goodall, B. J. Leong, Ho Tung-shan, H. Greenwood, A. W. Roberts, A. A. Stevenson, H. E. Scriven, A. W. Brown, A. C. Howell, and E. J. Ainslie.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and I propose, therefore, with your permission, to take them as read.

The net profit for the year, after making due allowance for depreciation, is \$206,590.76, which, added to the balance brought forward from last year, viz., \$26,719.07, makes the amount of \$233,309.83 available for distribution. This amount your directors propose should be allocated as follows:—

To General Reserve \$20,000.00

To Dividend (\$1.25 per share) 156,250.00

To Bonus (15 cents per share) 18,750.00

To Bonus to Staff 11,050.83

To Carry Forward to new account 21,199.03

I trust that this proposal will meet with your approval.

The balance at credit of profit and loss at the end of the year is \$206,590.76 as compared with \$211,722.54 last year. It must, however, be remembered when comparing these two accounts, that although the sum of \$18,233 (profit on sales of investments) appears in this year's account, the amount of \$109,760.33, being a profit on sales of property, appeared in last year's account.

Returning to the proposed allocation, I would remark that your directors consider the placing of \$20,000 to reserve a sound policy, as they are of the opinion that it is desirable to augment the Company's reserve fund whenever possible.

ALLOCATION OF PROFIT.

With regard to the dividend, it will be noticed that the proposal this year is to pay \$1.25 per share as against \$1 per share last year. This increase has been recommended because your directors are of the opinion that in the absence of any unforeseen adverse circumstance, this figure should be maintained from year to year.

The bonus of 15 cents per share makes the total amount paid out per share for the year a little less than the amount so disposed of last year, but I venture to hope that my foregoing remarks as to the comparative balances at the credit of profit and loss accounts for the respective periods will successfully explain the reason for this.

The bonus to staff, I feel sure, will meet with your approval, having regard to the fact that our staff have this year, as in previous years, given their utmost endeavours to obtain what I think you will agree is, an excellent result for the working of the year under review, especially having regard to the bad state of trade generally in Hongkong.

During the past year your Company has fallen into line with the majority of the principal firms of Hongkong, in that a provident fund has been started for the benefit of the staff.

The stocks of the Company have been estimated at cost price, and depreciated where necessary.

INNOVATIONS.

The new bakery at 17 Burrows Street has now been completed, and the up-to-date machinery therein installed is giving entire satisfaction. We are now in the position, should occasion arise, to supply the wants of the whole community of Hongkong and leased territories, with the minimum amount of labour.

Our jewellery department has thoroughly justified the extra expense entailed by its inauguration, and your directors are looking forward with confidence to a gradual increase in this branch of our business from year to year.

The turnover of our Ladies' Department shows an appreciable increase as against last year's figures, and this fact encourages your directors, in the belief, that our policy of being thoroughly up-to-date with regard to styles and quality is appreciated by the ladies of the Colony, in which connection our thanks are due to our buyers in London, Paris, and New York.

Our other departments are showing very healthy figures, and when we are installed in our new premises (which we hope will be

VISITOR'S DEATH.

The End of Many Travels.

**MONEY WORRIES?
FOUND WITH ONLY SEVENTY CENTS.**

Some further information has been gleaned regarding the American who was found hanging from a tree in a nullah at Glenelg at 10.30 p.m. on Monday.

Mr. H. E. Gray, for that was his name, stayed at the Hongkong Hotel for a few days, and he was seen there until late on Monday evening. At the mortuary yesterday, Mr. N. White, of the Hongkong Hotel, identified the body as that of the visitor who booked a small room under that name.

The American Consul, who is arranging for the funeral, which had to be deferred until this afternoon, took over this morning the deceased gentleman's luggage from the Hotel management. This

MUTINY NEAR MACAO.

**TWENTY OFFICERS SHOT DOWN.
CHINESE TROOPS REVOLT.**

Turn Pirates and Rob Tow-Boat.

After shooting down about twenty of their officers, the Chinese garrison just outside Macao mutilated, robbed a tow-boat and fled into Macao where considerable alarm was caused.

\$2,000 HAUL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, April 29.

At Chinsan, the border station adjoining this Colony, is a garrison comprising several companies of infantry, some Cantonese and a few Yunnanese.

Yesterday, it is alleged that the majority of the men suddenly shot down their officers.

A passing tow-boat, which had rounded Green Island from its way from Macao to Shek, was hailed. Some of the mutineers

boarded the junk as passengers.

Immediately revealing their intentions, they brought out their arms and held the crew up. After taking about two thousand dollars in Canton silver from the junk's safe, the soldiers fled without molesting the passengers.

Subsequently, they scattered. It is thought that at least thirty of them passed the barrier into Macao, having previously discarded their weapons.

When the Macao Police were informed, detectives were sent out to round up the miscreants, a number being taken off the Hongkong-bound steamer Chuenshow, after being identified by non-commissioned officers. These men are in custody and will probably be sent back to Chinese territory.

An officer, believed to be a captain, was shot in the thigh. In spite of his wound, he managed to crawl into Macao with two revolvers strapped into his waist. He was placed also in Police charge and he tells a harrowing tale of the alleged cold-blooded shooting.

Dissatisfaction with the garrison commander is said to have precipitated the mutiny.

Chinese in Macao felt rather alarmed when the news spread that military mutineers had crossed the border, but prompt Police action has allayed all fears.

HOME AGAIN AFTER HEALTH CRUISE.



This week's cables reported that their Majesties the King and Queen had arrived at Victoria bronzed and most cheerful, and were welcomed by the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry, Prince George, Princess Mary, Viscount Lascelles and Prince Arthur of Connaught, after which they drove to the Palace in an open carriage. The short route was lined the entire length by multitudes, cheering enthusiastically. Our photograph shows their Majesties photographed at Paris before entering the train for their journey to Genoa, where they joined the Royal yacht. This was the first photograph of the King taken after his illness confined him to Buckingham Palace a little over two months ago.

in 1925) should go ahead far more than in past years. We shall then have a really up-to-date store which, we venture to say, will be easily the finest in the East.

We have lately started an office equipment department, which promises in future to appreciably augment the Company's business. In this connection I might mention that we have been fortunate in securing, amongst others, the following excellent agencies:—York Safes, Royal Typewriters, Corona Typewriters, Gestetner Duplicating Machines, Portable Adding Machines and Allsteel Fireproofing Co.'s Office Furniture.

Besides which we are, as always, in the position to supply teakwood office furniture made by our own workmen, which I feel sure you will agree is equal to anything of its kind produced anywhere.

75th Anniversary.

The 28th February last, whilst important as being the end of our financial year, marked a much greater epoch in that on this date the firm completed the 75th year of its trading in Hongkong.

On March 2 a small celebration of this anniversary took place at the Company's main store, when numerous prominent citizens of the Colony called to pay their respects, and to express their congratulations and goodwill.

It is with a certain amount of pride, having regard to the state of the Company's business at the present moment, that we can look back to the humble start made in the year 1850 when goods were sold from a makeshift on the sea front.

The growth of the business to what it is to-day has been brought about by strict adherence to the principle of straight dealing and value for money which, throughout the 75 years of the firm's history, has been embodied in its policy.

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COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG TUG AND LIGHTER CO., LTD.

The Report for presentation to the Shareholders at the first Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Office of the Company on Thursday, May 7, 1925, at 2.30 p.m., states:—

The balance at Debit of Profit and Loss Account for the period to March 31, is \$22,746.88, carried forward to New Account.

Consulting Committee.—During the absence of Mr. C. B. Brooke, Mr. C. P. Marcel served in his place. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the present Committee, Messrs. W. J. Carroll, C. B. Brooke, Li Tse-fong and M. M. Tackey (in place of Mr. H. M. H. Nemesee, absent), retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming are eligible for election.

A report was made to the police yesterday by a Chinese coolie that he was stopped by a gang of six men, armed with revolvers and other weapons, who stole from him \$100.

\$700 THEFT.

EUROPEAN RESIDENT

ROBBED.

ROOM BURGLAR.

Mr. Gordon, of Messrs. Carter & Co., reports to the police the theft from his room of a leather bag containing money, jewellery and clothing amounting to \$700.

WOMEN ROBBED.

FOUR MEN UNDER ARREST.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, four Chinese were charged with assaulting two women and stealing from the person of one of them a pair of gold-mounted rattan bangles, valued at \$25, at Victoria Road, on the forenoon of April 11. Divisional Inspector Peter Grant applied for a formal remand until Saturday morning, which was allowed.

Two of the accused are earth coolies, one a stone carrier and the other an unemployed cook. The police arrested one man at Kennedy Town and rounded up the others at Yau-nai. At an identification parade the woman picked out two of the men as amongst those who took part in the highway robbery, and it is alleged that these two and another now awaiting identification made an admission to the police.

STOWAWAYS.

Of two stowaways from Mauritius on the s.s. Surat, four appeared on remand before the Bowloon Magistrate this morning. Order was made for their deportation from the Colony, to-morrow along with the other man who was ill.

HARBOUR ACCIDENT.

LARGE STEAMERS COLLIDE.

DAMAGE SLIGHT.

FULL SPEED ASTERN IN TIME.

Two fairly big ships were in collision in the harbour yesterday morning. It is believed that there are no serious consequences.

According to the report of the master of the Japanese steamer Kotsu Maru (about 4,000 tons, owned by the Y.K.K., for which the M.B.K. are agents), he left Wanchai Bay at daylight for Canton with a cargo of coal from Milke.

When near the Central Fairway he observed the Java-China-Japan Lijn steamer Tjitaroom coming up astern and passing on the Kotsu's starboard side. When the Tjitaroom was about level with the bridge of the Kotsu, says the latter's captain, he stopped the engine. Shortly afterwards, the vessels were getting dangerously close and the Kotsu dropped both anchors. The Tjitaroom's port quarter is stated to have struck the coal-boat's starboard bow and a collision appeared inevitable.

Letting drop his port anchor, the Kotsu's captain ordered full speed astern.

After the collision both vessels proceeded to berths and this morning the Kotsu left for Canton. The extent of the damage, if any, will be known after inspection.

\$200 FINE.

FIRE ESCAPE CASE PENALTY.

MAXIMUM IMPOSED.

The owner of No. 59 Woosung Street, Yau-nai, who was before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday on a charge of illegally removing the fire escapes from his premises which were burnt down in January with the loss of nine lives, was fined the maximum penalty of \$200 this morning.

The case against the owner of the adjoining house (No. 57) was adjourned until next week, when the Magistrate intimated that he would proceed with the case ex parte if the defendant was still not found.

Peking, April 28.—It is semi-officially reported that Sun Yuen-wired to the Government applying for ten days' sick leave. It is understood that the Government will grant the request.—Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.

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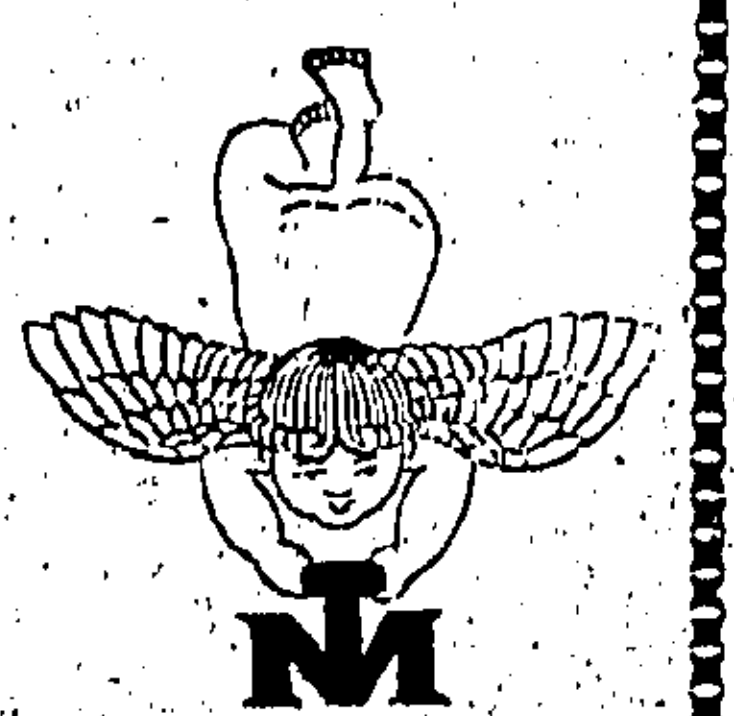
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 RESERVE FUNDS.....\$20,000,000
 STERLING.....£4,500,000
 SILVER.....\$25,000,000
 RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$20,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

G. M. Young, Esq., Chairman.
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 W. H. Bell, Esq., Hon. Mr. J. L. Patterson.
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CHIEF MANAGER:

A. H. BARLOW, Esq.

Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.

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Westminster Bank, Ltd.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1925.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 1/2 percent per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1925.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital.....£3,000,000
 Reserve Fund.....£4,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....£3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 15, 1925.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:

86, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital.....Fr. 75,000,000
 Paid-up Capital.....Fr. 60,000,000
 Reserve Fund.....Fr. 60,000,000

BRANCHES:

Szechwan, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Yankow, Harbin, Khabarovsk, Vladivostok.

IN FRANCE: Banque Nationale d'Escompte de Paris, Credit Lyonnais, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, Credit Industriel et Commercial, Societe Generale.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Credit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co., Guaranty National Bank Corporation, Security Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

A. LECOT,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

Established 1850.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

O. ARIMA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1924.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

INCREASED BUSINESS.

MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-second annual general meeting of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., was held on March 31, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. Mr. J. M. Ryrie, president, read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' certificate.

Mr. Ryrie said: Ladies and gentlemen, I am sure you will all be very disappointed again not to see Sir Robert Black in my place to-day, and regret that his absence is due to ill-health, whilst I am also sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. I am sorry to say that, whilst he did recover sufficiently to attend our board meetings more or less regularly last year, and indeed until quite recently, another attack of influenza, from which he has not yet recovered, made him determine it was in the interests of the Bank that he should resign his chairmanship. I need not say how much his colleagues regret this decision on his part, and how regret they were to accept this resignation. But I am more than pleased to say that, whilst we also lost an ideal chairman, whose place will be very difficult to fill, Sir Robert has consented to remain a member of the board, and I hope and expect that we shall have the benefit of his sound advice and assistance for many years to come. Sir Robert has been chairman of the Bank for 18 years, and a director since 1906, during which time he has made many contributions to the Bank's first, second, and third, and it is only necessary for me to point to the steady progress of the Bank under his guidance and the very strong financial position we are in today to show how much we are indebted to him. As Sir Robert said, it will not be long before he will be able to fill his position, but, as Sir Robert has consented to remain a member of the board, I have agreed to accept the resignation of Sir Robert, whilst I am pleased to say that, as a director, Sir Robert will be able to continue to assist the Bank in the most valuable way.

At the end of last year, as you know, we elected Mr. C. J. Hambro, a director of Hambro's Bank, to a seat on the board, and you will be asked to confirm his appointment. For some time we had been on the look-out for a young director who was actively engaged in the City and who would bring business of the right kind to the Bank, and I am satisfied that Mr. Hambro, who we shall all miss, but Mr. Hambro has served the Bank with ability for 39 years, and as it was his wish to retire we have filled the position of London manager, appointing Mr. J. B. Crichton, our late manager in Calcutta, to the position of London manager, and as Mr. Crichton has served us well in the East for 24 years, he comes to the head office with all the qualifications necessary to make a good and efficient second-in-command. You will remember that in referring to the sad death of Mr. Mould and the appointment of Mr. Stewart as chief manager at our last annual meeting, I mentioned that we were indebted to Mr. Murdoch for agreeing to postpone his retirement and fill the position of London manager until such time as we could make other arrangements, and I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Murdoch again for standing by us when we were in a difficulty, and wishing him health and happiness in his retirement from active work. Another important appointment to which perhaps I ought to refer is that of Mr. Linton to be our inspector of branches, though I am sure Mr. Linton will be much missed at Singapore, where he has managed our branch with success for some years.

YEAR OF MORE STABLE CONDITIONS.

If I except fluctuations in rates of exchange, which make business so difficult, the past year brought with it more stable conditions generally, and there was not only an increase but an improvement in trade as a whole, and of course several of our staple industries, such as iron and steel, coal, and shipbuilding, are still depressed, and the cost of production all round requires to be reduced if we are to regain our export trade. There

was very little fluctuation in the value of money, and prices generally were steady, though with a tendency to rise. There was an expansion in our imports and exports, particularly the former, and the visible balance of trade against us increased from £211,000,000 in 1923 to £244,000,000 in 1924, but as our invisible exports are estimated at £370,000,000, and as these do not take into account the value of direct shipments from India and our Colonies to foreign countries, we cannot be said to be living on our capital, as evidence of which the overseas issues of capital in London last year amounted to £131,000,000. I think, therefore, the outlook is on the whole brighter than for some time past.

THE ACCOUNTS.

I will now refer to the figures in the balance-sheet and profit and loss account which have been in your hands for some days. The net profit for the year at £2,219,119 falls short of that for the previous year, but this you will notice is due to the increase in expense which in turn is explained by the expenses incurred at our new branches, which I am sure you will understand are still in the development stage. But we are not only able to maintain our dividend in payment, but to make the usual allocations to Reserve and Officers' Pension Fund, though you will notice that on this occasion the amount which of Freehold Banking Premises is reduced to £10,000, which we consider ample in view particularly of the increase in the value of our property generally. On the whole, the figures in the balance-sheet show a very little change from the previous year, and when we take the profit and loss account into account, I am sure you will agree we are in a strong position and ready to do our share in increasing any increase in trade with the East that may and I hope will take place as the result of more settled conditions. There is a small reduction in our current account and fixed deposits, but with more activity in trade this is not surprising, and as you know, we continue to convert our rupee assets and liabilities at 30. In reference to the item Loans Payable £550,000, as this was of a temporary nature and profitable we preferred to allow it to run off in the ordinary course rather than sell securities for the purpose of eliminating it. The increase in our acceptances on account of customers is satisfactory, but we would like to see a further increase in these figures. The item Cash and Balances is down by £887,000, but our investments in Government and other stocks, which as usual stand at or below market values, are up by £712,000, and you will notice that whilst Bills Receivable show a decline of £19,000, there is an increase in Loans Receivable and Advances of £271,000. The increase of £8,700 in the item Freehold Banking Premises represents the balance of the cost of our Bank premises at Simla and the cost of buildings for our managers at Karachi and Madras, less, of course, the £10,000 written off.

Though perhaps it was only to be expected, in view of our progressive policy in opening new branches, I am pleased to say the business done by the Bank in 1924 shows a marked increase upon that done in the previous year. But, whilst our operations have increased, I am sorry to say that competition between banks has not grown less, and that margins are often very narrow and indeed hard-earned. For the satisfactory results obtained, therefore, our thanks are more than ever due to Mr. Stewart, our chief manager, the London manager, and the sub-manager, whilst we must not forget the accountants and other friends of departments at the head office, or our successful branch managers abroad and on behalf of my colleagues and myself I take this opportunity of thanking all for their loyalty and devotion to the interests of the Bank.

PROSPECTS OF CURRENT YEAR.

If I attempt to deal with the prospects for the current year, which, so far as the Bank is concerned, seem to me encouraging, I hope you will not think I wish to use as a prophet, for nothing is further from my intention. There are too many difficulties surrounding us and too many important questions awaiting settlement to make it possible for anybody to look very far into the future. In the first place we want to see peace in the labour world, and if I may judge from the extravagant demands put forward recently by the railway men, whose wages already compare more than favourably with those of men employed in more skilled occupations, the outlook is not promising for any reduction in the cost of transport and production generally. Then assuming it is decided to return to an effective gold standard and not to know the embargo on exports of gold, which seems likely in the near future, it is difficult to say what effect this may have on the value of money and prices. The coming Budget, too, will no doubt

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 28th April 1925.

On London.....2 1/2

Bank, Wire.....2 1/2

On demand.....2 1/2

On 30 days sight.....2 1/2

On 4 months sight.....2 1/2

On 6 months sight.....2 1/2

On 9 months sight.....2 1/2

On 12 months sight.....2 1/2

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INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby
notified that the Second and
Final Call of \$5.00 per share on Shares
of the New Issue is payable on or
before the 1st day of May, 1925.
Cheques should be sent addressed
to the Company, together with
Certificates of Title in respect of the
First Call, when fully paid Certificates
will be issued.

The Transfer Books of the Company
in respect of the New Issue of Shares
will be closed from WEDNESDAY,
the 22nd day of April, until SATUR-
DAY, the 2nd day of May, 1925
(both days inclusive) during which
period no Transfer of Shares of the
New Issue can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREY & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1925.

THE HONGKONG TUG &
LIGHTER CO., LTD.

**THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS** in the above Company
will be held at St. George's Building,
Chater Road, Victoria, on
THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925, at
2.30 o'clock p.m. for the purpose
of receiving a Statement of Accounts
and the Report of the General
Managers for the period ended
31st March, 1925, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from MONDAY,
the 4th May, 1925, until THURSDAY,
the 7th May, 1925, both days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong 21st April, 1925.

THE CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING OF**
Shareholders will be held at the
Office of the undersigned on
THURSDAY, the 14th May, 1925,
at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Agents,
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended the
31st December, 1924.

The Share Register and Transfer
Books will be closed from the 1st
to the 14th May, 1925, both days
inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 27th April, 1925.

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Cancer and Carbuncle by Injection
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Most physicians and surgeons have ex-
pressed the opinion that Aneurism, Cancer,
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Matsuda, M.B., Professor of the Japanese
Imperial University has made a careful study
of these diseases for several years and has at
last discovered the use of "CARBONOLYNE"
for injection and internal use. A large number
of Japanese patients have been cured by the
use of this medicine and it is now becoming
well known for its curative properties.
Foreigners have always died of these dis-
eases owing to failure to find a remedy.
Of late Dr. Sun Yat Sen is suffering from
cancer of the liver which is a phase of one of
the above-mentioned diseases. Those
suffering from this disease will gradually
develop fever, nervous pains, urinary troubles,
loss of appetite, dizziness and vomiting.
Victims of this disease are advised to im-
mediately procure "CARBONOLYNE" from
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Pavilion to witness SEMI-FINAL
and FINAL MATCHES of Open
Events in the Tournament.
MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIBERS,
booking at the Pavilion ONLY,
have the privilege of obtaining
tickets at REDUCED prices.
Booking for SEMI-FINALS
CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES will
CLOSE at the Pavilion on THURSDAY,
30th April, at 8 p.m.
After above date (30th April)
booking will be at Messrs. Moutrie
& Co. at ordinary prices.
Closing dates at the Pavilion
for other events will be advertised
later.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1925.

HONGKONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

THEATRE ROYAL,
MAY 2nd, 1925, at 9.15 p.m.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE
SEASON.

ANDRE DUPREE
C. P. O. JIM CARTLIDGE.

Fifteen 2 minute round Catchweight
Contest.

And about six other minor Contests.

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only on the 28th and 30th April,
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NOTE.—MEMBERS of the Hong-
kong Boxing Association are
entitled to one Ringside Seat each
for \$7.50 on production of their
Membership cards. Members are
requested to sign their names
when taking tickets at the reduced
rate.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE
MEETING will be held (weather
permitting) at Happy Valley on
SATURDAY 2nd May 1925, com-
mencing at 3 p.m. The first ball will
be rung at 2.30 p.m.
The Charge for admission to the
Public Enclosure will be \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half
Price.
Members are advised that they must
show their Season Tickets to obtain
admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each member has the right of in-
troducing 2 non-members to the
Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom
can be obtained from Messrs. Linwood
& Davis at 85c each up to FRIDAY
1st May 1925.
The Stewards invite the Ladies of
Hongkong to be present.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE Tai Fung Hing Kee Firm
or the Tai Fung Hing Kee
Company of No. 121 Bonham
Strand East, Victoria, Hongkong,
Dealers in Bamboo wares and
Seagrass wares.
The Manager of the above firm
or company, being no longer in
our employ, no chop nor signature
of the above firm or company will
be valid unless signed by me
personally.
Dated 22nd April, 1925.
WONG AU SHI 王區氏
121, Bonham Strand East.

NOTICE.

MR. SYDNEY HAMPTON ROSS,
Chartered and Incorporated
Accountant, has been admitted a
Partner in our Firm.
PERCY SMITH, FETZ & FLEMING,
Incorporated Accountants.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1925.

NOTICE.

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with Godown and Chinese
House to let.
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Kowloon Bay.
Hongkong, November 8, 1924.

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Butcher Meat.

	April 10, 1925.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
Beef Sirloin—Ngaui Mei Pa	牛尾吧	lb. 30	24 12
Prime Cut	牛尾吧	lb. 30	24 12
Corned—Hau Ngaui Yuk	咸牛肉	lb. 34	22 20
Roast—Shiu Ngaui Yuk	燒牛肉	lb. 30	24 22
Breast—Ngaui Hung	牛腩	lb. 24	20 18
Soup—Tong Yuk	牛腩	lb. 24	20 18
Steak—Ngaui Yuk Pa	牛腩	lb. 29	24 22
Steak Sirloin—Ngaui Lau	牛腩	lb. 36	30 35
Sausages—Ngaui Cheung	牛腩	lb. 20	25 20
Duck's Brains—Ngaui No	牛腩	per set 12	10 12
Tongue, fresh—Ngaui Li	牛腩	each 60	50 60
Tongue, corned—Hau Ngaui Li	牛腩	each 60	50 60
Head—Ngaui Tau	牛腩	lb. \$1.00	\$1.00 \$1.20
Heart—Ngaui Sam	牛腩	lb. 16	13 14
Hump, Salt—Ngaui Chan	牛腩	lb. 24	20 18
Feet—Ngaui Keuk	牛腩	each 12	10 12
Kidneys—Ngaui Yiu	牛腩	lb. 12	10 12
Tail—Ngaui Mei	牛腩	lb. 22	20 22
Liver—Ngaui Ken	牛腩	lb. 16	13 14
Tripe (undressed)—Ngaui To	牛腩	lb. 6	6 7
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngaui-tai-tau	牛腩	set \$1.20	\$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Pei Kwat	羊腩	lb. 48	25 —
Lég—Young Pei	羊腩	lb. 48	25 —
Shoulder—Young Kiu	羊腩	lb. 45	24 —
Saddle—Young On Yuk	羊腩	lb. 45	24 —
Pigs' Chittlings—Chu Chong	猪腩	per set 3	— 12
Brains—Chu No	猪腩	lb. 13	15 —
Feet—Chu Keuk	猪腩	lb. 30	15 18
Pig—Chu Chap	猪腩	lb. 24	20 —
Head—Chu Tau	猪腩	each 15	10 10
Heart—Chu Sam	猪腩	lb. 12	10 8
Kidneys—Chu Yiu	猪腩	lb. 43	30 24
Liver—Chu Kon	猪腩	lb. 38	25 23
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	猪腩	lb. 32	28 27
Lég—Chu Pei	猪腩	lb. 18	— —
Loim—Chu Hau Tun	猪腩	lb. 22	21 —
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	猪腩	lb. 25	20 18
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Tau-Keuk	羊腩	set 85	60 70
Heart—Young Sam	羊腩	each 14	8 7
Kidneys—Young Yiu	羊腩	lb. 15	12 10
Liver—Young Kon	羊腩	lb. 48	25 25
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai	羊腩	lb. 25	22 22
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngaui Yau	羊腩	lb. 26	20 18
Mutton—Shang Young Yau	羊腩	lb. 48	25 24
Veal—Ngaui Tai Yuk	羊腩	lb. 30	20 19
Sausages—Ngaui Tai Cheung	羊腩	lb. 26	20 20

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	鮠	lb. 24	19 24
Bream—Pin Yu	鯉	lb. 38	20 16
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	塘魚	lb. 32	18 16
Carp—Li Yu	鯽	lb. 42	16 27
Catfish—Chik Yu	鰱	lb. 42	12 9
Codfish—Man Yu	鱈	lb. 40	20 25
Crabs—Hoi	蟹	lb. 68	23 26
Cuttle Fish—Mok Yu	墨	lb. 24	15 2
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	鮘	lb. 60	23 15
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	黃鰱	lb. 14	10 9
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha	鰻	lb. 10	10 8
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	鰻	lb. 36	16 —
Fresh water—Tam Shui Yu	水	lb. 28	20 18
Yellow—Wong Sin	黃	lb. 50	26 30
Frogs—Tin Kai	蛙	lb. 55	32 25
Garoupa—Shek Pan	石斑	lb. 72	40 30
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	鰱	lb. 20	18 15
Herrings—Tso Pak	鰵	lb. 38	22 18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	軍	lb. 32	18 23
Labrus—Wong Pa Yu	黃	lb. 36	22 18
Loach—Wu Yu	烏	lb. 75	22 24
Lobsters—Lung Ha	龍蝦	lb. 55	32 21
Mackerel—Chi Yu	鯊	lb. 35	20 26
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	墨	lb. 48	32 28
Mullet—Tsai Yu	鰱	lb. 24	18 2
Oysters—Shang Ho	蚌	lb. 30	16 22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	公	lb. 28	14 9
Perch—Tau Lo	花	lb. 28	20 15
Pike—Fa Pau Fong	花	lb. 18	16 9
Plaice—Pan Yu	白	lb. 40	28 14
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	黑	lb. 42	26 29
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	白	lb. 50	36 30
Prawns—Ming Ha	明	lb. 70	36 45
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	鰐	lb. 10	10 14
Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kung	石	lb. 22	13 18
Ronch—Chan Yu	魚	lb. 40	22 16
Salmon—Ma Yau	馬	lb. 70	36 30
Shark—Sha Yu	沙	lb. 12	8 10
Skate—Po Yu	沙	lb. 16	10 10
Shrimps—Ha	蝦	lb. 42	26 35
Snapper—Lap Yu	立	lb. 50	32 30
Soles—Tat Sha Yu	沙	lb. 32	28 28
Tench—Wan Yu	鰱	lb. 38	22 18
Turbot—Tao Hau Yu	左	lb. 28	18 12
Tutles, small, fresh water—Zouk Yu	脚	lb. \$1.20	40 —

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and/or Firms who have
not received direct communication
on the matter are requested to give
notice to the undersigned of any
moneys, shares, securities or any
other assets which they may have
held on behalf of the abovesaid
deceased on the 13th February, 1923
and/or at the present time and also
notice of any claims which they may
have against the deceased.
Dated 27th day of April 1925.
MR G. R. HAYWOOD,
No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong.

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D. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

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FLOWER GIRLS' DAY
AT VARSITY.

"Everybody at Cambridge is a
gentleman. Everything at Cam-
bridge is lovely," said Mrs. Belle
Bonning to The Weekly Dispatch.
Mrs. Bonning is one of the
flower girls of Piccadilly, who,
having been "ordered to pull,"
was invited with Mrs. Ellen
Manning to go to Cambridge to
take part in the recent "Erag" in
the market place.
"We didn't have to pay for
anything," she said. "Gentlemen
paid for our lunch and gentlemen
paid for our tea. I couldn't have
been treated better if I'd been a
queen."
As a matter of fact Mrs. Bonning
is a queen of the flower girls.
She remembers the time when
horse-drawn omnibuses used to
pull up by Eros and buy instant
bunches of violets from her.
"EAT MORE FRUIT"
"They were gentlemen, too,"
she said, "but nothing like the
gentlemen of Cambridge. Mrs.
Manning and I were sitting
at the station by a lot of young
gentlemen in stockings and
brooches and hats.
"They put up into a trap and
drove us round the town. Then
we had soup and roast beef and
apple tart, and after all that we
went to see a sheet dragged off
the stout young gentleman with a
bow and arrow who stood on top
of a monument."
"What are they?" I asks a
young gentleman.
"Dons," he says.
"What do they do for a living?"
I asks.
"Nothing," he says; "they just
teach us what they know."
"What do they know?" I asks.
"Nothing," he says. "Do you
like seed or plum cake?"
"Both," I says, and a very good
tea it was.
"I hope I shall be asked to
Cambridge again. It is such a
nice town, and although they say
it's full of bulldogs I never saw
one all day. But I expect they
keep them chained up when
visitors go there."
"Good-bye, my dear," I send.
"Mr. Eros a little present. Just
some violets. I think he had
enough fruit already."
"I hear that Kitty is getting a
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DEATH.

STEPHENS.—Matthew John
Dennan Stephens, at his
residence, No. 5, Peak Road,
at 6 p.m. yesterday evening,
aged 83 years. Funeral
passes the Monument at
5.15 p.m. to-day.

Hongkong, Wednesday, April 29, 1925.

THE WOMAN'S VOTE

The woman vote is said to have been the main factor in the return of Hindenburg as Germany's first popular President. It had a lot to do with the re-election of President Coolidge and not a few feminine votes returned the Conservatives to power in Britain. It is easier to analyse the voting in such places as America and Germany where the issues are not so localised as they are in Britain split up into constituencies where the influence of a candidate, more often than not, is beyond the issues before the electorate. The German women—if their votes have turned the scale—have returned to power a soldier—one who led in victory and defeat—but one, the greater part of whose life has been devoted to the art and science of war. What can be deduced from this? That the German woman is far from war weary or yearns for a return of a monarchy that revelled in exhibitions of might and power? Let the psycho-analysts decide. The simple explanation may be that the greater sentiment of the female has been touched and the sight of a war scarred veteran

has excited pity. The truer fact may be that women voters in Germany have yet to learn the power and the meaning of a vote. Once they have learned the lesson, things may alter.

Beggars.

It is quite clear that a new Ordinance needs to be added to the Colony's Statute Book and that Ordinance should deal with beggars. Five hundred and eighty beggars have been "returned" to Canton and a great number have come back again to a field that evidently is worth cultivating. The difficulty of dealing with the menace has been admitted; but there is a suspicion that something more might be done than paying steering passages to Canton. The genuine beggar is the one who begs because he cannot get work. We must leave out those who cannot work as they would. The biblical injunction must hold good. If a man will not work, neither shall he live. Add to the word live, "in Hongkong" and adopt means to carry out the injunction and the activities of our police can be directed in other channels. What means can be adopted? Whilst the men beggars are mainly blind, decrepit, Lazarus-like (covered with sores), the women and children in the main are lively and lusty. It is the female of the species that is the main cause of the trouble, although it is likely that a parasitic type of "man" may be somewhere in the background. Industrial homes are needed—not necessarily charitable homes—managed somewhat on the lines of the late Eyre Refuge—homes turning out things of a useful character that will bring in a reasonable return. The problem needs careful thought. It also needs an Ordinance if only to strengthen the hands of the police whose position is admittedly difficult.

Hazardous.

Insurance companies speak of hazardous and extra-hazardous risks, and quote rates accordingly. It is unknown to us if the Peak comes under the latter or not. With the absence of brigade facilities it must surely be extra, for this is the second fire on the Peak within recent memory that has razed a house to ruins. The opening of roads has already been justified; and if such can mean that on the call of an outbreak, the brigade can get its appliances immediately to it, justification will become an undisputed fact. There was no loss of human life in yesterday's catastrophe—and on this account there will be a general sense of thankfulness. The report also assures us that "the house was not insured." There may be good reasons for this; but the true observation may be permitted us that no one owning possessions of value

PATH OF PEACE.

Secession a National Disaster.

SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE.

PREMIER EXPOUNDS NOTABLE OPINIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Capetown, April 28.
Amid an impressive silence in the Assembly, the Premier, General Hertzog expounded his views on secession.



GEN. J. M. HERTZOG.

He said that personally he held the opinion that in so far as South Africa was concerned, secession would be a flagrant mistake and a national disaster if caused by one section, either the British or the Dutch, imposing its will on the other.

He did not fear secession would arise so long as each section retained from asserting its superiority to command the other. He urged that no attempt should be made by either section to use the British connection to establish such superiority.

POUND STERLING BILLS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 28.

Mr. Mellon, the Secretary of the Treasury, is of the opinion that the purchasing of pound sterling bills in the open market is a desirable means of stabilising exchange. It is denied that Mr. Mellon was consulted in regard to the verbal agreements said to have been reached between the New York Federal Reserve Bank and the Bank of England, but Treasury officials explained that he regarded such Anglo-American financial co-operation as a progressive step. While it is generally believed that Britain will seek credit here to offset the bills taken up by the Federal Reserve Bank, it is declared that Mr. Mellon is unaware of the plans for a loan although he regarded such a move as an obvious one.

It is reported that the British are contemplating a loan of between half and three quarters of a billion dollars. Mr. Mellon believed this could be used to steady matters in any emergency and would probably be kept intact most of the time since he did not believe sterling exchange would suffer more than temporary hurries after attaining parity.

FAMOUS ACTOR DEAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, April 28.
The death has occurred of the famous octogenarian actor Louis Bouwmeester.

TRANSPORT'S MISHAPS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Messina, April 28.
The French Government transport "Rhodie" going to the Far East, stopped with broken down machinery near Cape Polard. She was towed into Messina by an Italian steamer.

should leave them uninsured. The relationship between Insurance Companies and the Fire Brigade needs to be made known. Do Companies pay any sum towards the Brigade's upkeep whenever it is called upon to do service? We think this is adopted at Home, with the result that Fire Brigades are numerous, and as capable maintained as they are efficient.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

St. George's "BANKETTES." Day seems to be coming into its own; and if there is to be added to it the fact of Shakespeare's birthday and the anniversary of the operations against Ostend and Zeebrugge there is no saying what can be made of the day. St. George's Day was formerly celebrated by feasts of cities and corporations, which excited the wrath of one John Bale, who, speaking of the neglect of public libraries, gave vent to the following:

"O Cities of England, whose glory standeth more in belly chere then in the serche of wysdome godlye. How cometh it that neither you, nor ydell mesmongers, have regarded this most worthy commodity of your country? I mean the conservation of your antiquities and of the worthy labours of your learned men. I thynke the renowne of suche a notable acte wolde have muche longer endured than of all your belly bankettes and table triumphes, eyther 'yet' of your newly purchased hawkes to kepe St. Georges feast in."

"Belly bankettes and table triumphes" is rather biting. It will probably not affect the holding of further tiffin table "triumphes" in connection with Hongkong's St. Georges Society.

The fight for the FOOTBALL. English Cup reminds us of the game of football as practised on different occasions. For instance at Dorking on Shrove Tuesday in 1862 there was a perambulation of the streets by the football retinue composed of grotesquely dressed persons, to the sounds of music and in the afternoon by the kicking of the ball up and down the principal thoroughfares of the town. The usual number of men and boys joined in the sport and played, especially towards the end of the game, with a roughness extremely dangerous to the limbs of the competitors. As 6 o'clock drew near the struggle for victory became more vehement; the palm, however, was obtained, for the fifth year, by the players from the west end of the town. This is somewhat different from the English Cup contest at which we read 90,000 people were present and the scenes were, as usual, mildly exciting.

If Hongkong does own Budget Day, not get madly excited over its little interested. Budget Day at Home on April 28, is a much more important affair and probably of greater import. Winston Churchill may be expected to get all he can out of his opportunity, but as he bangs the dispatch box in front of him, he will probably think for a fleeting moment of the great ones who have preceded him in the great task of presenting the country's budget. Take William Ewart Gladstone for instance. It is said that the Grand old man's "Budget speech of 1860 was his first really great speech."

It was "a sort of revelation of the genius which can make a complex and difficult question clear to even what is called the meanest understanding." On that occasion the historian tells us, "the appearance of Gladstone was almost sublimely impressive. His burning dark eyes seemed to light on every one in the House in turn." Gladstone never merely talked at the House; he talked directly to it, and during his most complicated statements and arguments he at every other moment looked at the House full in the face in order to find out whether it was carrying his meaning with it or not. He had the supreme advantage of having a most magnificent voice—a voice which had shades and half-shades, tones and semi-tones of expression, so that he could give to every single word its precise degree of meaning.

In connection with the Budget, get, who was that Chancellor who, when a mass of figures was submitted to him, including many with decimal points, quizzically asked "What are those d..... dots?" Was it the late Lord Goschen?

Many of those who crowded the Theatre Royal to listen to "the Gondollers" and "The Yeomen of the Guard" will be appalled to hear that on March 25 last there was observed the jubilee of the first of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. "Trial by Jury" was produced on March 25, 1875, at the Royalty Theatre, without awakening Britanni to the fact that a new influence had come into her theatres. The initial operetta has been more popular since then, with amateur societies than on the professional stage, for in mimic, as in

drama, people demand a single piece that occupies the night. Nevertheless, in detail and in form, "Trial by Jury" was very near perfection. It has done good service in "benefit" performances. It was on the programme of the benefit at Drury Lane in 1877 for Mr. Compton, the father of Mr. Edward Compton and grandfather of Miss Fay Compton, and at the benefit to Miss Nellie Farrer in 1898 at Drury Lane. On both occasions the Prince of Wales was present. It is interesting to recall that at the latter performance Mr. Rutland Barrington was the judge. Mr. Courtenay Pounds the defendant, Mr. Eric Lewis the counsel for plaintiff, and Mr. W. S. Gilbert the associate, while the bridesmaids included Miss Phyllis Broughton, Miss Ellis Jeffreys, and Miss Ruth Vincent, and Mr. Harry Lytton was the foreman, with Mr. Arthur Roberts as one of the jury-men.

Hongkong's poets are slow to move, their wonders to perform. Subjects perhaps may be lacking. What about the Sun? We are beginning to talk about it whilst here is a Mr. George Dickson who has been moved that way. His effort is perhaps inartistically called—it has certainly been suggested by seeing—"Fat cattle in trucks near the Fairfield crane (Glasgow)." The opening verse is by no means inartistical. Here it is:—
I hope the sun will shine to-day
To put this dreariness in tune.
Shine, Sun, and flash the grey
away!
I hope the sun shines soon.
To cheer the waiting brutes and
grace.
The stiffness of this dreary
place.

Mention of poetry is a reminder that there is in existence a "British Empire Poetry Society." An effort was made to form a branch in Hongkong, but without result. There was also talk of forming a Short Story Club on the lines of the successful one run in Shanghai. But the Yarn Market is dead—at least a firm who issue market reports recently said so!

Mr. Stanley Lupino has one "DO IT?" of the best comic songs heard for many a long day—a delicious piece of nonsense—in the new London Hippodrome revue "Better Days."

The song is called "Can They Do It?" and it is a real old fashioned comic ditty of a type seldom heard nowadays. Written by Mr. Lupino himself, it concerns the inability of various celebrated people to do certain simple things. The first verse and chorus are as follows:
There are lots of clever men,
But the ordinary hen
Can take them down a peg.
Whilst they're laying down the law,
The old chicken in the straw
Sits her down and lays an egg.
That's all
She lays us a large new-laid egg.
CHORUS:

Could Lloyd George do it?
Could Winston do it?
Could Baldwin do it?
Why, no.
Could Ramsay Mac and other clever men
Do the same as the poor old hen?
A hen lays an egg and nobody has ever
Said that its wonderful or marvellous or clever.
But
Could Lloyd George do it?
Could Winston do it?
Could Baldwin do it?
Why... NO.

Certain of the men engaged in the reclamation work at Wanchai now wear bright red jackets as a warning sign in connection with the trucks that carry the earth. It is not quite clear why the colour red should, almost universally, be used to denote danger. Red has always been known as a fortunate colour, although the saying "a red rag to a bull" has a deeper significance than the mere annoyance of the animal. In the East red has always been the colour of magic. When the Chinese wore pigtails we are assured they wore red threads into the plaits to keep away evil influences, and fabrics with red stripes interwoven are favourite garments for Chinese children because red has power to prevent illness. For the same reason red is used as the lining of the pockets in many Chinese garments. The lore of the red is certainly interesting embracing customs and beliefs in New Zealand, Southern India, Africa, and even in Scotland where, in the west at any rate, it is common to wrap a piece of red flannel round the neck of a child in order to ward off whooping cough; the virtue being not in the flannel but in the red colour.

£800,000,000 BUDGET.

INCOME TAX CUT DOWN BY SIXPENCE.

DUTIES TO BE IMPOSED ON SILK.

MR. CHURCHILL'S NOTABLE REVIEW OF THE NATION'S FINANCES.

IMMEDIATE RETURN TO GOLD STANDARD.

"Making Britain Truly a Home For All Its People."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, introduced into the House of Commons yesterday a Budget designed to "make Britain truly a home for all its people." The chief points in the Budget are a reduction of sixpence in the income tax, return to the gold standard, a duty on silk, a great insurance scheme, higher death duties, and substantial reductions in the nation's debts.

HOUSE PACKED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 28. The House of Commons was packed in excited anticipation of the Budget statement.

The front Government bench was filled with Cabinet Ministers. The members of all Parties overflowed the side galleries and there was a big muster of peers in the peers' gallery.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR.



A recent photograph of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Ministerialists loudly cheered Mr. Churchill on entering the House at the end of the questions.

INCOME TAX CUT.

Later, Mr. Churchill announced that the income tax would be reduced sixpence and the small income tax payer would be allowed to deduct one-sixth instead of one-tenth on earned income, the latter concession being equal to sixpence off the standard rate.

Mr. Churchill also announced a reduction in the super tax.

HEAVY NEW TAXES.

London, April 28. Mr. Churchill estimated the surplus at £28,600,000.

He proposed new taxation, including a revenue duty on silk and a duty on imported hops for four years of 4½ per cent., the reimposition of the McKenna duties from July 1, also an increase in the death duties.

The new taxation would yield £16,230,000, bringing a surplus of £26,830,000. The new taxation should yield £20,000,000 after the current year.

INSURANCE SCHEME.

He would propose legislation following the resolutions of the Imperial Economic Conference of 1923 concerning the liability of Empire Government's trading or owning property in Britain, and legislation for income tax relief in favour of high commissioners residing in Britain. (Cheers.)

He announced a comprehensive compulsory contributory scheme of insurance for the benefit of wage earners.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE. Mr. Churchill proposed to give effect to the British Government's proposals at the Imperial Conference of 1924 in so far as they did not involve new additional duties on food.

He proposed to remove the existing duties on Empire dried fruits and to raise the preference for Empire tobacco from one-sixth to one-fourth of the full duty.

He proposed to increase the preference on heavy wines from one-third to two-thirds, and to increase a preference in the surtax on sparkling wines from 30 to 50 per cent.

Furthermore he proposed to restore for a decade the preference on sugar to the level at which it stood before the reduced duty of last year.

These preferences would operate on July 1 and would cost £1,470,000 this year and £1,720,000 in a full year.

NEW SILK DUTY.

London, April 28. Mr. Churchill announced a new revenue duty on silk producing £4,000,000 in the current year and £7,000,000 in the full year.

Natural, artificial, semi-manufactured and manufactured silk would be taxed on a scale not at all uniform, but made-up silk must be taxed at a rate of 10s. per lb. for raw silk.

In the case of artificial silk a countervailing duty was necessary on a very large volume of home production, but in calculating the countervailing duties there will be deliberately given a certain advantage to the home producer in view of the fact that it might lead to a certain decline in consumption.

London, April 28. The ad valorem duty on made-up silk and artificial silk will be 33 per cent.

The silk duties will operate from July 1.

BUDGET SPEECH.

Mr. Churchill, who was loudly cheered on rising, paid a tribute to the careful and scrupulous finance of Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Cabinet.

He pointed out that the realised surplus of £2,569,000 was remarkably close to the Budget forecast of £1,024,000.

Spirits and tobacco were £2,000,000 below the estimate, but beer had increased £1,000,000. (Cheers and laughter.)

The remission of the sugar duty had fully reached the consumer, but the remission of the tea duty had been almost entirely extinguished by higher prices.

Inland revenue duties showed a surplus over the estimates of £6,816,000. The surplus was devoted to the redemption of debt.

The nominal deadweight debt had decreased from £7,630,000, 000 to £7,646,000,000 during the financial year. It was most important that the policy of debt repayment should continue.

BIG DEBT CUTS.

The floating debt had been reduced by £32,500,000 and the external debt by £4,000,000.

Savings certificates had produced £32,000,000 gross, showing a net increase of nearly £3,000,000. Savings bank deposits had increased £11,000,000.

The interest on the national debt had been reduced in five years by over £70,000,000.



Philip Snowden

The rate of Government borrowing had fallen from 6½ to 4½ per cent., enabling the most profitable conversion operations.

Much larger operations of this sort were pending from which the taxpayer would realise important savings. The new sinking fund would be increased to £50,000,000. The capital value of the war pension liability was now £760,000,000 and the annual charge was £27,000,000 compared with over £10,000,000 and over £110,000,000, respectively, after the war.

BACK TO GOLD.

Mr. Churchill, announcing the return to the gold standard, said that the return had long been the settled policy of the country and the only question had been the most difficult and delicate one of how and when.

The report of the Chamberlain Committee in this respect had convinced the Government, which intended to follow the Committee's recommendations in every respect.



LLOYD GEORGE

Mr. Churchill emphasised that this was the most favourable moment for a return to the gold standard in view of the political and economic stability on both sides of the Atlantic.

NO SOVEREIGNS YET.

It was not necessary to adopt a gold coinage. He appealed to all classes to continue to use notes. He would introduce a Bill providing that, until otherwise provided by proclamation, Bank of England and Treasury notes would be convertible into gold only at the option of the Bank of England and the right of tendering bullion at the Mint to be confined to the future legally to the Bank of England which would be obliged to sell gold bullion in amounts of not less than 400 fine ounces in exchange for legal tender at a fixed price of 77s. 10d. a standard ounce.

A DISCREET MOVE.

Further steps recommended by the Committee, for example, the amalgamation of the Bank of England and Treasury notes, would be deferred, as the committee recommended, until we had sufficient experience in working a free international gold market on a gold reserve of approximately £150,000,000.

When the Government decided to return to the gold standard many months ago, the Treasury began discreetly to accumulate dollars, and had now accumulated the whole of the £106,000,000 required for the June and December payments of the American debt and all our other American debt obligations this year.

Finally, although he believed that we were strong enough to achieve this important change from our own resources, he had arranged as a further protection to obtain if required, credits in the United States for not less than \$300,000,000, with possible expansion if necessary.

NOT MOVING ALONE.

The Government in returning to the gold standard was not moving alone. The United States and Germany were either on or related to international gold exchange. Sweden was on a gold exchange. Austria and Hungary were already based on gold or sterling, which was now equivalent to gold.

He had reason to know that Holland and Dutch Indies, very important factors in the world's foreign trade, would act simultaneously with Britain.

To-day as far as the Dominions were concerned, there would be complete unity of action. Canada was already on the gold standard. South Africa had notified her intention to revert to the gold standard from June 1. Australia and New Zealand were abolishing

restrictions on the export of gold from to-day. (Cheers.)

He believed the establishment of this great area of common arrangement would facilitate the revival of international and inter-Imperial trade.

POLITICAL CHANGES.

Mr. Churchill estimated the expenditure for 1925 at £799,400,000 and the revenue at £826,000,000, the surplus at £26,600,000.

The expenditure was £9,400,000 over last year's Budget, and £1,700,000 over the actual expenditure of last year.

This disappointing result was due to the rapid political changes of the last three years not conducing to economy and his inability scrupulously to scrutinise the estimates.

The Cabinet had agreed to establish a standing committee of the Cabinet to overhaul recurrent expenditure in addition to the Treasury's annual scrutiny.

We ought, he said, to aim at a net reduction of supply expenditure of not less than £10,000,000 a year.

He believed that the revenue would steadily expand and a resolute effort would enable a yearly mitigation of the heavy burden of taxation.

He pointed out that last year's remission of taxation meant a progressive loss of revenue of £14,000,000. He anticipated a gradual slow improvement in trade, but he did not feel justified in budgeting for any substantial expansion of trade.

HIGHER DEATH DUTIES.

The rates of death duties, excepting on small and the largest estates, would be increased, yielding £1,500,000 in the present year and £10,000,000 in a full year.

Besides the new duties on certain luxuries and hops, there would be a small additional duty on imported beer to counterbalance the tax on the home brewer.

The McKenna duties would produce £1,600,000 this year and £3,000,000 in a full year.

HUGE PENSIONS SCHEME.

The cost of ordinary income tax reduction would be £3,000,000 this year and £7,500,000 in a full year.

The reduction of the super tax would cost £7,600,000 this year and £10,000,000 in a full year.

The compulsory pension insurance scheme would affect 15,000,000 people. Employers and workers would each contribute at the rate of 4d. each man and 2d. each woman. The scheme would operate in successive stages, beginning January 4, 1926.

The State's ultimate capital liability was estimated at £50,000,000 and the scheme would cover virtually the whole area of the wage-earning population.

PEOPLE LIVING LONGER.

Mr. Churchill referred to the prolongation of the span of life which with the rapid increase in population in Victorian times would have the effect of increasing the payments of old-age pensions to £50,000,000 in fifty years, compared with £27,000,000 at present.

The new proposals were aimed ultimately at placing the whole fund on a self-supporting basis by means of progressive increases in the various contributions.

Mr. Churchill explained that the widows of insured men would receive 10s. a week, plus 6s. for the eldest child and 3s. for the others. Existing widows of men insured previous to the Act would receive similar benefits, but only until the youngest child reaches fourteen, while orphans would receive 7s. 6d. for the eldest and 5s. for the others.

The scheme would affect 200,000 widowed mothers and 380,000 children.

INCOME TAX RELIEF.

All people qualified to be insured after 1928 would draw 10s. a week at the age of 65 regardless of private means. Uninsured people eligible for pension at 70 years would also be relieved of restrictions regarding means.

By allowing a rebate of one-sixth on earned incomes instead of one-tenth as at present, incomes under £1,000 will benefit approximately 6d. and smaller incomes much more.

SHARING THE BURDEN.

Mr. Churchill, concluding, declared that making allowance for remissions of taxation the Budget balanced at a revenue of £801,080,000 and an expenditure of £799,400,000, reserving a surplus of £1,680,000 for contingencies.

The Chancellor was warmly cheered when he sat down after a peroration emphasising the non-class and non-Party nature of the proposals which aimed at apportioning the burdens proportionately to the ascent of the ladder of wealth, liberating the production of new wealth from the shackles of taxation, promoting contentment and stability, and making Britain truly a home for all its people.

INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

London, April 28. In the course of his speech, the Chancellor mentioned that the

duty on hops was subject to the Dominion preferential rebate of one-third.

He remarked that the Budget did not include provision for inter-Allied debt repayments to Britain, but he was budgeting for £9,500,000 from Germany where as £12,000,000 had been received from this head last year.

LOSING NO TIME.

London, April 28.

Mr. Churchill, in his Budget speech, announced that the Gold and Silver Export Control Act of 1920, which prohibited the export and import of gold, would be allowed to lapse on December 31, but a general licence would be given to the Bank of England to export gold bullion from to-day, pending the formal lapsing of the 1920 Act.

LABOUR CRITICISM.

The House of Commons agreed to all the Budget resolutions after brief speeches by Mr. Philip Snowden and Mr. Lloyd George. The former reserved his thunder for the protective duties, especially the McKenna duties which he declared the Labour Party would "repent at the first opportunity." (Opposition cheers).

As regards Imperial Preference the former Chancellor said that he was not opposed to rebates which were not of a protective character, but Mr. Churchill's duties were protective. Consequently they invited strenuous opposition.

Mr. Lloyd George similarly regretted the revival of the controversial issue, but was generally congratulatory pending a closer examination of the proposals.

STERLING ADVANCES.

London, April 28. Mr. Churchill's statement has been reflected in the foreign exchange market. There has been a sharp appreciation of sterling on New York. The dollar rate closed at 4.83½, bringing the purchasing value of the pound to 19s. 10½d.

New York, April 28.

Sterling advanced 7 8ths cents to 4.82¾, a new high record since 1915.



Mr. Montague Norman, head of the Bank of England.

New York, April 28.

All British securities bounded upwards, mostly reaching record levels, upon the announcement of the restoration of the gold standard.

Sterling marked 4.83¾.

HELP IF NEEDED.

New York, April 28.

The Federal Reserve Bank has arranged with the other Reserve Banks to place \$200,000,000 in gold at the disposal of the Bank of England if desired in connection with the establishment of the free gold market in Britain. It is understood that a further million will be supplied by Messrs. Morgans.

BACK TO GOLD.

Hague, April 28.

The Minister of Finance has announced Holland's return to the gold standard.

Melbourne, April 28.

The Prime Minister, Mr. S. M. Bruce, has announced the removal of the embargo on the export of gold.

Through an obvious error Earl Balfour was stated in yesterday's China Mail to be a former Liberal Premier. This of course should have been a former Conservative Premier, as Earl Balfour is a Tory of the Tories.

Moscow, April 28. A statement of five British trade unionist women have arrived here to study the position of the working women of Russia.—Reuter.

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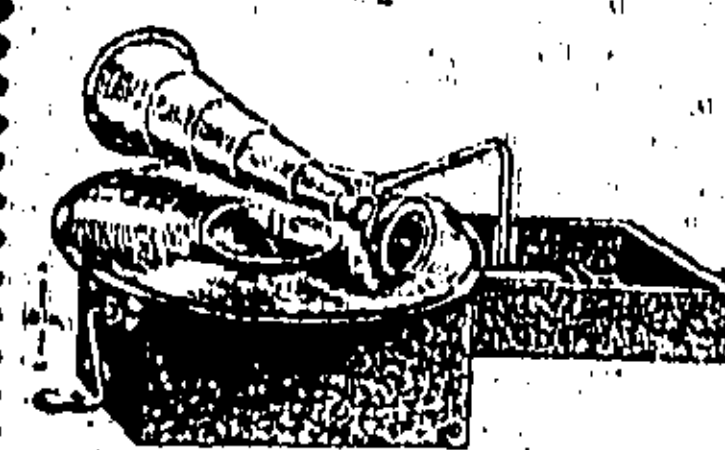
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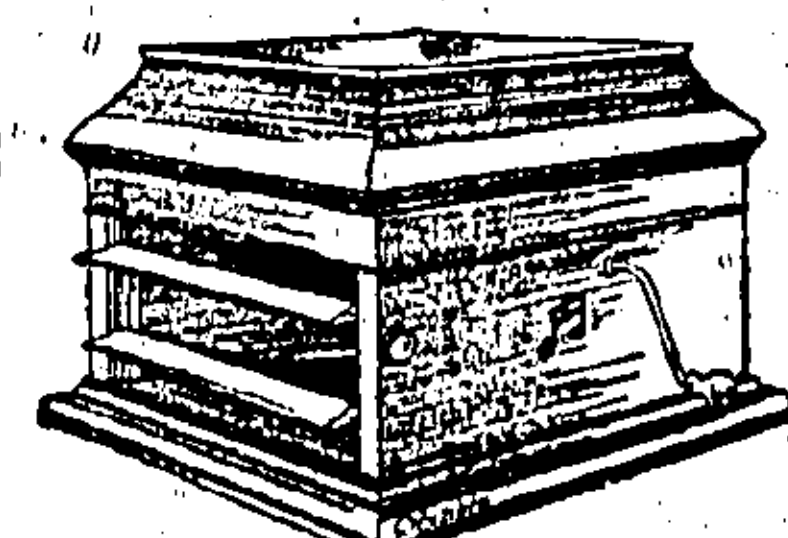
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Bible Facts.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I hope that Mr. Nudas Veritas may eventually realize that it is absolutely unfair, insulting and foolish to try to condemn any creed which, even before studying it thoroughly.

He owns, however, that he is an ignorant fellow with regard to the Holy Bible. In that case, I advise him to make himself more familiar with the Bible before trying to attack it in such a manner in newspapers, and thus mislead many ignorant fellows, such as Mr. "Fuchs."

I admit, however, that such cases as Nudas Veritas' can't be helped, since "Empty vessels make the most sound."

To return to the questions of Nudas Veritas, let us take them in their order of importance.

(1) Why did God create man when he knew that in the end man is going to sin? And why destroy him?

If Nudas Veritas does not believe in the existence of God, let him just for the sake of the argument, imagine there exists one. Is God obliged to give him, this poor servant, know all the reason of his doings? If Nudas Veritas has revisited a factory, or a big machinery instalment in his life, let him do so, for that will teach him that most of the comings who are working there, know just enough about the machinery, etc., to enable them to do their work. The Chief Engineer is not obliged to explain to every one of them the different theories and mathematics, etc., concerning the machinery.

God has created us, mankind, to worship him, and has given us just enough information through the Holy Bible to enable us to do our duty.

In the Talmud, however, there is a good analogy of the 1st question. "Why does a man require over a million children when he knows that in the end it will die?"

(2) Nudas Veritas seems to think the story of Noah's Ark as a ridiculous thing, simply because he can't reason it out. I used to think the same thing of an aeroplane until I saw it flying, and still it used to appear a "miracle" to me until I studied engineering.

Well, if God cannot do such little miracles as making it a possibility for all those animals, etc., to be carried and to live comfortably in Noah's Ark, then he would be no more powerful than man.

After all this is not more miraculous than the crossing of the sea and many other similar miracles mentioned in the Holy Bible.

(3) There is no discrepancy in the meaning of verses 19 and 20, chap. VI, and V, 2, chap. VII, in Genesis, whatever.

When the above mentioned verses are read carefully, the following meaning is understood:

"From all the living animals—fowls and beasts, etc., thou shalt take a pair, a male and a female; but from the 'clean' (i.e., can be eaten or sacrificed), animals thou shalt take seven pairs, males and females."

In Hebrew, most propositions are missed when they are understood from the sense of the passage.

As regards Noah's sacrifice, he has taken enough "clean" animals to sacrifice some, without cutting off their trace.

(4) The Egyptian priests might have got that information about creation from the Bible itself, just as other well known creeds have borrowed theirs.

(5) Days of Creation. Nudas Veritas has probably not yet come across Psalms Chap. XC, v. 4.

Rain. Nudas Veritas has jumped over Genesis Chap. II, v. 6.

(6) Windows of Heaven, etc. are simply Hebrew idioms. The childish questions of Nudas Veritas are rather numerous, and, I am afraid, I have already taken up too much of your valuable space.

Yours, etc.,
A STUDENT.

Hongkong, April 28.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Nudas Veritas shows in his letter of 27th inst. how much he needs to read the Bible through, in order to give him a correct perspective of the facts contained therein. It will not take him long and will well repay him for the trouble taken.

The questions he has asked have evidently been taken from the works of last century, freethinkers, for they crop up periodically although they have been satis-

factorily answered over and over again.

I am glad he has answered his own question about the Ark, for the God who designed it, as I said before, knew what was to go into it, and what would be required for their sustenance.

There is no mistake about the number of species taken into the Ark and it doesn't require great mathematical ability either. Noah did not destroy all the clean animals for sacrifice, he merely took some of them as the Bible says and for this reason more were taken into the Ark.

Your correspondent's fallacies so glaringly exposed, will not bear the light of history or scientific literature or even common sense. Moses was not so ignorant of the laws of nature as Nudas Veritas would have us believe and if he would only take the trouble to read what Moses has written, it would surprise him.

It is also most amusing to read about Moses' lack of astronomical knowledge. He knew far more than the scientists of to-day, and every discovery of recent times is only proving that fact.

Darwin's theory of the evolution of man does not fit in with the Bible's record but any one up to date knows that the latter is correct and Darwin all wrong.

I am sorry I cannot take up all the questions raised by your correspondent, especially the one about the *Shalsh* (Shalshun) and reply to them in detail, although some of them are very childish as seen in your valuable paper is limited.

Your correspondent has however not replied to my questions in regard to the Great Pyramid. He has given me facts which would shut out the belief, but I shall deal of any who know by experience.

God is very true as the Apostle says that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit, for they are spiritually discerned."

I would like to remind Nudas Veritas that the literal interpretation of the Scriptures is based on the following: If that literal interpretation is proved senseless, it is as such, not acceptable as a parable, allegory, etc.

In closing I would like to say that our Lord Jesus Christ always spoke in the highest terms of the Old Testament and quoted it frequently to confound those who sought to have known. In laying down the laws for his kingdom, however, he strengthened those of the Old Testament by taking them out of the *manuscript* and transferring the same to the *thought* and *motives*.

Once more your correspondent has a lot to learn before he can tell me from his superior knowledge many things I did not realize before. All that he has said in his letter is known to every Bible Student and a great deal more, done similar, lines that he might have said.

Yours, etc.,
W. A. JORDAN.

Hongkong, April 29.

"The Great Unpaid."

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I was very glad to see "Perplexed" has raised the question of nomination of Unofficial Justices of the Peace. Mr. W. S. Bailey's case is not the only one I can recall. I know several gentlemen, who have resided in Hongkong 20 and 25 years, holding responsible positions, whose names are always passed over. I can only come to the conclusion that the reasons therefor are:

1. Because they have at some time or other at public meetings said things that have offended our little tin gods.

2. Because they will not "kowtow" to Government Officials.

3. Because they have the misfortune to be in "Trade."

Personally, if this empty honour were ever offered to me, I should refuse it, as an acquaintance of mine did five times.

Yours, etc.,
RESIDENT.

Hongkong, April 28.

An Interesting Point.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Does proficiency at the butts always imply expert skill when "in action"?

This is rather a poser for a man without technical knowledge, but this question has its interesting aspects.

That range practice beyond what it provides in the shape of instruction for the tyro, and opportunity for the experienced shots to become conversant with conditions, is the claim I put forward. I ask, in view of the many competitions held recently, whether the "prize winners," in every instance, would show just as good results, say, in the field.

Without casting aspersions, I refer to the little known story of the Chinese detective sergeant who, whenever attending revolver practice, finished with a clean target as he had to fire with his

MR. M. J. D. STEPHENS.

OLDEST BRITISH RESIDENT'S DEATH.

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

By the death of Mr. Matthew John Denman Stephens, which took place last evening at his residence, No. 5, Peak road, the Colony loses one who is thought to be, as far as age goes, the oldest British resident and who was second only to Sir Paul Chater in respect of length of service here.

Mr. Stephens was the senior legal practitioner in the Colony. Amongst the duties he carried out were those of Conveyancer and Proctor of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, Notary Public and Trade Mark Agent and Justice of the Peace. He was a member of the law Society, and a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of China.

Mr. Stephens' connection with the Colony dates back to August 1872 when he was admitted to practice here as a solicitor. He became an extensive property owner, owning at one time large blocks in Hongkong and having the reputation of being the first to build in Kowloon.

On account of eccentricities, Mr. Stephens had few personal friends. He was known as one of the wealthiest men in the Colony, but apart from a large donation to the fund for the provision of the European Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon, now nearing completion, his name appeared seldom if ever in public subscription lists. It was said of him that he did good by stealth.

The late Mr. Stephens is survived by his wife with whom much sympathy will be felt in her bereavement.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5-15 this evening, arrangements being in the hands of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

STOLEN PRAM.

MARINE HAWKER JAILED.

INCRIMINATING ENTRIES.

A perambulator belonging to Mr. Robert Hall, of 5 Observatory Villas, was stolen shortly after it had been left outside by the amah on Monday, and a report was made to the police yesterday.

The article was traced to a marine hawker at Reclamation Street, who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with unlawfully receiving it.

The defendant was at a loss to explain two entries in his books in respect of the perambulator, one of which, in his own handwriting, related to a payment of 60 cents, and the other for \$1.80.

Sentence of hard labour for one month was imposed.

head turned right about "and his eyes closed. But when 'in action' they were against robbers and for suspicious characters he brought down his man on both occasions at fairly good distances.

I also refer to a local bank clerk by name of Samson, who when in the Volunteers was never a good shot but when he went to the front in the early days of the War was killed while acting as a sniper.

I shall be glad if those of your readers able to deal with this subject will kindly give me the benefit of their experience.

Yours, etc.,
DIX-DUM.

Hongkong, April 28.

Sports Query.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Re the South China Athletic Association's Sports on Sunday last, I overheard rumours as to the nationality of one of the entrants.

If the Association or any one else on the field yesterday doubted that he was Chinese, why did they allow him to join?

Yours, etc.,
CURIOUS.

Hongkong, April 27.

Mr. C. F. Yuen, honorary secretary to the S.C.A.A., who had the letter read to him across the phone without, of course, the name being divulged, says that there were seven Chinese amateurs in the Colony. Those who took part in those events were considered Chinese by the S.C.A.A. sports committee.

Regarding the question of runner-up, Mr. Yuen states that no prize was awarded for runner-up and it was due to a clerical error that the name published was given out.

Society Films.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers who are Americans can tell me if the films we see depicting American life—among the presumably rich, are true to life. I refer to the cabaret scenes, and the parties which are held in houses and flats.

Yours, etc.,
CURIOUS.

Hongkong, April 28.

YOUTH AND WAR.

LOCAL STUDENTS' FINE ACTING.

THE SIEGE OF TROY.

The ruthlessness of war and its terrible waste by death and despoliation of the flower of the nations involved is nowhere better exemplified in play form than in John Drinkwater's "A Night of the Trojan War," which undergraduate members of the Arts Association gave at the Great Hall of the University of Hongkong yesterday evening.

This is the play which was given at the annual dinner of the Arts Association on Saturday and so faithfully did the players convey its inner meaning by their acting and enunciation, and so real was the atmosphere induced by the music and setting that a special performance was called for by the University and outside friends.

Glances of scenes on the Trojan Wall and among the Greek encampment on the barren plain outside during the ten years' siege of Troy are given in the play by means of the interchange of similar views between bosom friends as to the futility and wastefulness of war.

Why should the world be deprived of the beauties capable of being formulated in their minds and why to them should be denied participation in the joys of youth for the sake of wiping out an injury, or what was considered one, which had taken place before their time?—this is the theme running throughout, the principal being Priam, a Greek soldier, in private life a student of political economy; Salamis, a Greek soldier, in private life a poet; thus, a Trojan soldier, in private life a young idealist; Chryses, a Trojan soldier, in private life a sculptor.

The ties of affection grown up between the friends in each encampment are shown by their regret at even temporary separation when one from each camp respectively has to join the ranks of those who flitted nightly among the shadows of the Trojan wall and the "Greek tent," ending sudden death to the unholy.

Each of the young idealists participated with the full realization that they might be causing the death of some with whom they might have worked for the common purpose of benefiting mankind and the audience sees that it is almost inevitable that on this night their respective victims should be the sculptor, dreaming of things of beauty when he should have been on the alert in his capacity of guard, and the poet, reading by the flickering torch long after the encampment was in darkness.

Ringing in the ears, as the play closes, are the pleading and unanswered whistles of the Trojan soldier at the foot of the wall, waiting for hands that were still and cold to pull him to safety, and the desolate cry of the Greek returned to a tent in which brooded the stillness of death.

Most effective and affecting in this play, for the excellent presentation of which the actors are heartily to be congratulated, they gave evidence of exceptional histrionic and literary ability. Particularly does this apply in the case of Huns, played by H. N. Ballhatch.

Undergraduates playing minor parts were Mr. W. Hong Sing and Mr. D. Commisariat. The scenery was supervised by Mr. Earnest To and Mr. Bai Khay-bum was stage manager. The Hongkong A.D.C. lent the armour.

Dr. J. Fenton, President of the Arts Association, in introductory remarks preparatory to the play, helped the audience to a better appreciation of it by a synopsis of the origin and history of the Trojan war in the course of which he stressed the fact that the effects upon the youth of the time were similar in many respects to those upon the youth called upon to serve in the Great War.

A vote of thanks, carried on the proposition of Mr. Cheung Wai-fung, the Chairman of the Arts Association, brought to a close an entertaining and instructive evening.

TO-DAY'S SMILE.



"Well, if you don't lend me 10 marks, I must use my revolver!"
"Kill yourself for the sake of 80 small a sum?"
"Not at all. Pawn it!"
Der Brummer, Berlin.

PIECE GOODS TRADE.

FUTURE VIEWED WITH CONFIDENCE.

CHAMBER SURVEYS POSITION.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday replied to the Chinese Piece Goods Guild's request for special concessions in view of the present condition of piece goods trade and the handicaps imposed on dealers by the disturbed condition of the interior of China.

The reply states that the Guild's letter of the 20th April has had the very sympathetic consideration of the Committee, and the Chamber is most anxious to do whatever lies in its power to promote the best interests of all engaged in this most important trade. The letter continues:

"That there has been and still exists a general trade depression and a certain stringency in the money market, also that there was some overbuying of woollens and Spring fancies in anticipation of better trade during 1924/25, is admitted, but in the opinion of the Committee the position is by no means unprecedented in the history of the Colony, nor are stocks so heavy as to be unmanageable."

"It is however recognized that there has been in Woollens and there probably will be in Brocades a considerable carry over; but in view of the fact that comparatively little has been ordered for the ensuing seasons and that, far from any slump in prices, replacing costs are in most instances on a higher level, my Committee view the future with confidence."

"The recent regrettable failure of an old-standing firm to which the Guild refers, was, it is generally known, principally due—not to losses on Piece Goods—but to private speculation in shares, etc."

"With regard to the distress caused by the deplorable political situation in China, coupled with robbery, squeeze, illegal military taxation and the enforced circulation of depreciated currencies, which are largely responsible for the present stagnation, my Committee are in the utmost sympathy with all Chinese Merchants."

With regard to the Guild's suggestions for ameliorating the situation, the Chamber undertakes to circulate all Importers and Merchants, requesting them to exercise every possible leniency towards dealers in the matter of clearance, consistent with the terms of contract. The Committee will also address the Foreign Banks urging them not to unduly press Merchants for payment at due date, but to facilitate as far as possible the extension of Bills &c. also to approach the Chinese Banks pointing out the danger of fostering speculation at the expense of Merchant trade, and requesting them not to exert undue pressure upon dealers, but to endeavour to reduce their rates of interest to normal.

Having regard to the fact that Merchants and Importers have to carry all overdue cargo at great expense and that it is quite customary for Banks to demand margins on renewal or extension of Bills, the Committee are unable to recommend that Importers waive all interest and charges on goods which arrived in 1924-25. To do so would be to involve the Importer in a certain and considerable loss, whereas if the goods are successfully carried over until next season there is every reason to hope that they will ultimately realize a profit to the dealer. In many instances Importers have themselves unsold stocks to carry, and many are already carrying overdue stocks of white and grey shirtings on dealers' account, free of interest and charges.

The Committee of the Chamber hopes that the representations they are prepared to make will have the effect of greatly facilitating both Importers and Dealers in meeting the present situation, and that their efforts will have the hearty support of the Guild.

Tsingtao, April 28.—Reports from Tsingtao declare that Tapan Chen Shih-chi now refuses to take the post of Tapan of Anhui, and will retire to private life. Other provincial military leaders oppose a change in the post of Tapan, but it is not expected they will offer resistance to General Chang Tsung-chang, in as much as the latter has 30,000 soldiers ready to accompany him to Tsingtao. Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.

Tokyo, April 28.—All the Japanese papers this morning contain editorial Hindenburg election comments, the general opinion being that reaction is signified, but the *Hochi* and the *Nichi-Nichi* disagree with the general verdict, and consider that Marshal Hindenburg's personality alone won the Presidential election, though the *Nichi-Nichi* thinks that the election makes reaction possible, depending on the Powers' attitude. Especially, France. Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.

LAND SPECULATION.

MAN WHO WOULD NOT TAKE UP.

ABSENT DOCUMENT.

A plaintiff in the Supreme Court this morning nearly lost his case through negligence in not bringing to Court the original of a letter which set out the terms of an agreement involving property of the value of \$14,000.

The plaintiff, a solicitor's interpreter, said that he was not aware that the original would have to be produced, and said that up to the last moment he thought it would be possible to settle the case out of Court.

His Lordship said that if the case had been filed plaintiff must come prepared. He had a good mind to strike out the case but would adjourn it sine die.

As His Lordship rose to leave and the formal cry of "Court" was raised, the plaintiff in the first case hurried into court with the required document. His Lordship resumed his seat and heard the case, although he remarked that the Court was not to be treated in this manner.

The case concerned speculation in land, the plaintiff having an agreement with the defendant in respect of land at Yau-mat by which the defendant was to pay \$14,000 subject to a mortgage of \$10,000. If the property rose, he stood to sell at a profit and if it depreciated he was insured to a maximum loss of \$1,500. From the evidence it was gathered that the property had fallen in value and the defendant had not purchased.

An order for specific performance was made.

Insufficiently Stamped.

Although a defendant was not represented in Court to-day, His Lordship, Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, awarded him judgment because a document involved was not sufficiently stamped.

Luk Man-tat claimed \$2,000 which he said he had paid to the defendant (Fong Shau-nin) in return for which he was to have received shares in a Company which was to develop a portion of land. He never received the shares.

A document setting out the terms of the agreement was put in and pronounced correct, but the receipt was nowhere to be found, the plaintiff stating that it had been taken from his pocket by a thief. Asked how much it had been stamped with the plaintiff said with a five cent stamp. Another witness corroborated, and as this was not a sufficient amount His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant.

NAVY LEAGUE.

HONGKONG BRANCH'S MEETING.

Reference to recent action in regard to piracy questions and the large donation remitted to Central Headquarters as a result of the flag day, also an increase in membership and the promise of another flag day and concert were the chief items at yesterday's annual meeting of the Navy League (Hongkong Branch).

The piracy problem was the most serious one they had had before them in the last few years, said the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak in moving the adoption of the report and accounts. At last their recommendations had gone home to the Admiralty. They had been taken home by the late Admiral whose untimely departure they deeply deplored and the Hongkong Government had also sent recommendations. A small flotilla for augmenting piracy patrols in these waters had been asked for.

Dealing with the work of the Society during the past year, Mr. Holyoak said they owed a debt to the Secretary who was largely responsible, not only for an increase of membership, but also for the great success of the concert and flag day as a result of which \$500 was sent home. They had striven to keep the objects of the Society before the public, and in no place in the world was it perhaps more necessary to do this than in Hongkong.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were carried.

The Chairman proposed that Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. E. F. Aucott, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Lt. Comdr. C. S. C. Ingham, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. B. Wyllie, Mr. L. M. Whyte, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. Excell and himself form the Committee for the coming year.

This was seconded by Mr. Dowley and carried.

Mr. Excell was elected treasurer and Mr. Whyte secretary, the Chairman and Sir Henry Pollock paying tribute to the work Mr. Whyte had done during the past year.

On the proposition of Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Holyoak was elected president. On the proposal of the Chairman it was decided this year to have a flag day on Trafalgar Day and to organise a concert of a similar character to that of

"I'M FULL UP."

SHIP'S OFFICER IN TROUBLE.

MATE AND DRINK.

CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED ONE YEAR.

Found guilty of misconduct as a ship's officer, Mr. W. H. Watson, chief officer of the British steamer *Hydrangea*, had his certificate suspended for one year by a Court of Inquiry which this morning issued him a second mate's certificate for foreign-going vessels in lieu.

Lieut. Com. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master) presided. Other members of the Court were Lieut. Com. C. A. Robinson, R.N., H.M.S. Durban, Captain M. Wright, s.s. *Hosang*, Captain D. Duggan, s.s. *Talithybus* and Captain H. Going, s.s. *Charles Hardwin*.

Captain W. Brewer, master of the Hongkong-Swallow ship *Hydrangea*, gave evidence as to seeing Mr. Watson on Thursday afternoon last, drunk on the waterfront and staggering on to the ship in "very drunken condition." Witness said "You're drunk," and the chief officer replied in a very thick voice "I'm full up."

Captain Brewer said that Mr. Watson's watch should have been from 5 p.m. when the ship left Hongkong, till 8 p.m. As he (the captain) considered it dangerous for him to be in charge of the bridge in the condition he was in, witness remained on duty till 1 a.m., after which Mr. Watson took over. The ship went through a fog in the early part of the evening and near Nine Pins, a way had to be picked out from a maze of junks.

Mr. H. L. Jebb, second officer, partly corroborated the captain's evidence. Pressed by the Court President "not to hedge," but to give definite replies, this witness gave it as his opinion that Mr. Watson was capable of taking charge of the *fo's'le* when the ship left but incapable of being bridge officer from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. as he was under the influence of liquor.

Mr. A. M. Scott, chief engineer, said he saw Mr. Watson prior to the ship's departure. The latter had been drinking but he appeared to be all right.

Mr. Watson admitted that he returned to the ship inebriated but he considered himself fit when the ship left.

The Court found the charge of misconduct at sea proved. Mr. Watson, who also has a shipmaster's certificate, was ordered to leave his chief officer's certificate with the Court for one year during which period he would be given a second mate's certificate.

EPIC OF EVEREST.

NOTED FILM COMING TO HONGKONG.

Mr. Alec Ross of Theatrical Enterprises, who was here last month with the Madeline Rossiter Company, is back again; this time he has brought the "Epic of Everest," this film depicting the great British Expedition of 1924 to ascend the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, which was shown at the Scala Theatre, London under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society and is now being shown in New York. Mr. Ross tells us that Theatrical Enterprises have secured the sole exclusive rights for the Far East including China, Japan, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies. This wonderful film will be seen in Hongkong shortly.

Harbin, April 28.—The Chinese police have closed the Bolshevik newspaper *Tribuna* on the ground that it published Bolshevik propaganda and certain articles that were liable to cause disturbance of the peace.—Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.

Harbin, April 28.—M. Ivanoff, Soviet manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway, delivered a strong speech at the opening of the third Traffic Conference justifying his actions in connection with his alleged overriding of the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Railway.

Liu Cheng, acting president of the Board of Directors, replying, said that the Conference was no place for such remarks, and he characterised M. Ivanoff's speech as political propaganda and his conduct as disgraceful.—(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

last year on the night of Trafalgar Day.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman made an appeal for an increase of membership. At present the number stood at 120, but in a port of the size, and standing in a Hongkong, the membership ought to be at least 400.

LOCAL SPORT.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

IMPORTANT MATCHES THIS WEEK.

(By "Hotspur.")

Yesterday was, comparatively, a lean day at the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament.

There was no Open Championship match, in which he won in straight sets. The "veteran" again drove—forehand and backhand—with great force, scoring often with both cross-court and side-line drives. His service was still powerful and many of the first efforts met over with advantage effect. Saunders put up a very good fight, the figures of the first and third sets not doing justice to his game. His drives were also pleasing to watch but he was subdued by Green. The loser earned considerable applause for his recovery.

Allfree and G. B. Hett were both erratic as their scores will show.

Montague Bates and West once more proved that they could adapt their game to circumstances and won their handicap match rather easily. The Colonel was still below his best.

In the Handicap Singles "B" failing light beat both C. W. E. Bishop (owe 1/6) and Captain L. W. Bennett (rec. 3/6). Bennett won the first set 7-5 and lost the second at 6-8 when the game was abandoned. It will be replayed.

Yesterday's results in detail and explanatory notes follow:

Yesterday's Results.

Club Championship (second round):—S. E. Green beat R. J. Saunders 6-1, 8-6, 6-0. (Green next meets A. S. Hett, the winner to enter lower half, semi-final).

Handicap Singles "A" (second round):—D. J. Allfree (rec. 2/6) beat G. B. Hett (rec. 3/6) 1-6, 6-0, 6-3. (Allfree next meets G. W. G. Simpson (rec. 4/6) the winner to enter lower half, semi-final).

Handicap Doubles (fourth round):—Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bates and Captain R. H. P. West (owe 15) beat W. Ironside and C. C. Hickling (rec. 4/6) 6-3, 6-1. (Winners are now in the top bracket of the semi-final; three matches have to be played before their next opponents can meet them).

To-day's Programme.

It should be noted that fixtures announced are those which have been posted but of which some or all may not be played because of circumstances; also, others may be added at the last moment.

Of to-day's and to-morrow's fixtures, the pick are, of course, the Open Championship matches. O'Callaghan should have little difficulty in getting through to the fourth round.

This afternoon, the Service pair in the Open Doubles will probably have their hardest task so far, with their Chinese opponents starting as slight favourites. Some splendid volleying duels should be seen.

When it is remembered how the Service combination defeated Lay and Trambitzky, it will be realised that they stand quite a good chance if they have not become "stale" through playing several matches day after day.

The mixed doubles tie (semi-final) should be productive of good play.

The matches down for decision are:

Open Championship Doubles (fourth round):—Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bates and Captain R.H.P. West v. Yew Man-tsun and Ho Ka-lau. (Winners of this match enter lower bracket of semi-final and next meet the winners of to-morrow's match).

Handicap Singles "B" (second round):—L.M.S. Lloyd (owe 3/6) v. O.C. Womack (scr.)—winner plays M. M. Watson (rec. 15) for right of entering top half of semi-final.

Handicap Doubles (third round):—J.A. Worswick and E.F. Stewart (rec. 15) v. G. De Man and H.G. Burn (rec. 2/6)—winners next meet A.S. and G. B. Hett (sec) for right of entering semi-final (bottom bracket).

Mixed Doubles (semi-final):—T. H. King and Mrs. McElderry (scr.) v. W. and Mrs. Ironside (rec. 4/6)—Winners enter final where they play winners of—L.M.S. Lloyd and Miss Peck (scr.) or W. and Mrs. Woodward (rec. 15) v. G. R. and Mrs. Sayer (owe 1/6) who are in the semi-final.

N.B.—The Open Singles (third round) match—S. Fujita v. F.A. Redmond (winner to meet S.A. Rumjahn in the fourth round), down for decision to-day, has been postponed till Monday, May 4.

Thursday's Fixtures.

The Rumjahn stand a good chance of winning in the Open Doubles to-morrow as should Redmond in the Club Championship.

Up till yesterday evening, the following had been fixed for to-morrow afternoon:

Open Championship Singles (third round):—Captain C. T. O'Callaghan v. Lau Fook-ling.

Sydney, April 28.—The parcels seized on the s.s. Arafura, on April 25, contained 1,537 tins of opium, valued at \$15,000. The drug will be burnt in the presence of Customs Officers.—Reuter.

(Winner of this match will, in the next round, meet winner of M. W. Lo v. S. E. Green—down for decision on stand court on Friday).

Open Championship Doubles (fourth round):—F. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v. Ng Sze-cheong and Yung Hin-lun.

(Postponed from to-day).

Club Championship (second round):—D. J. Allfree v. F. A. Redmond. (Winner next meets Major Hattersley Smith who has been given two walks-over into the third round).

Handicap Doubles (second round):—B. D. Evans and W. Hyde (owe 3/6) v. L. P. Ralph and A. H. Penn (rec. 15). (Winners meet Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. J. Saunders (scr.) in the third round; winners of last named meet S. E. and D. S. Green (owe 2/6) in fourth round; and the ultimate winners meet Montague Bates and West (owe 15) in semi-final).

SIX-ROUND BOUTS.

SATURDAY'S ADDITIONAL FIGHTS.

In addition to the main event over 15 rounds between Jim Carridge and Andre Dupree at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, the following six round bouts will also be staged:

Heavyweight:—A. B. Moir, H.M.S. Durban (Heavyweight champion, China Squadron) v. Leading Seaman Francis, H.M.S. Titania (Heavyweight champion, Navy and Marines; Runner-up, Imperial Services Championship).

Bantamweight:—H. Major (Hongkong) v. Boy Fleming, H.M.S. Brisbane.

Featherweight:—Drummer Bowles, 1st East Surrey Regt. v. Signaller Ollivaux, French gunboat Argus.

Lightweight:—Signaller Thomas, H.M.S. Durban v. A. B. Quinn, H.M.S. Brisbane.

Lightweight:—Stoker Le Guillou, French gunboat Vigilante v. Boy Burrows, H.M.S. Durban.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the programme has a distinct international flavour. The participants are from the Imperial Navy, the Australian Navy, the French Navy, France and Hongkong.

Cardridge is in training at the Yacht Club and Dupree at the V.R.C.

LEE WHITE COMING.

TWO PERFORMANCES TO BE GIVEN.

People in Hongkong who gave such an enthusiastic reception to Miss Lee White, the popular London revue star, on the occasion of her recent visit, will be delighted to learn that she is giving this Colony another opportunity of enjoying the performances of the talented company of which she and Mr. Clay Smith are the principals.

The company will be passing through next week, on the way to Manila from Shanghai, and will have time to give two performances, on Wednesday, May 6th, when the item is to be a very pleasing medley revue, "Hanky Panky." The show will be given as a matinee, at 6.15 and an evening performance, at 9.30.

The earlier show will be a "bargain price matinee," seats being obtainable at \$2, \$2, and \$1. This will be a rare opportunity for many to have a whole afternoon's enjoyment at very moderate prices. For the evening performance the seats will be \$5, \$3 and \$2.

Booking plans for both performances are at Messrs. Moutrie's.

ROBBERY CHARGE.

The three Chinese, arrested after an attempted armed robbery at No. 36 Chatham Road on the morning of April 21 were charged with this offence at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, additional charges of possession of arms being preferred against two of the accused.

Evidence was given to the effect that the robbers took to the street on a police whistle being blown by a woman inmate.

Two of the men were caught by Mr. F. J. W. Focken, of Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co. who happened to be passing, whilst the third was arrested at Stanley the following day on information supplied by one of the previous arrests.

Two revolvers were also taken over by the police.

The case was adjourned.

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FOREIGN. REGRETS.

HOW THE WORLD VIEWS HINDENBURG.

"A DEFIANT CHOICE."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 28.

The "Times" says that the election of Marshal von Hindenburg is regrettable both in the interests of Germany and England. The event is serious because it is an ostentatious manifestation of the fact that the opinions and sentiments of many millions of German voters are as monarchist and reactionary as before the war.

The defiant choice of an avowed upholder of the Hohenzollerns cannot fail to quicken, and intensify, the distrust of German intentions, existing in France and elsewhere, unless and until Germany's attitude under Hindenburg towards the Dawes scheme is one of unflinching honesty and good faith.

The present reluctance of America and Britain to grant further credits to Germany is hardly likely to diminish.

"WAIT AND SEE."

There is an atmosphere of restrained regret in the newspapers, which have generally adopted a "wait and see attitude" with regard to Marshal von Hindenburg's election.

The "Daily Chronicle" says there is no occasion for hasty steps and ill-considered criticism. The "Daily Herald" considers Marshal von Hindenburg is not likely to do anything impulsive or foolish.

The "Daily News" avows British statesmen must play the part of pacemakers, recognising the enormous strength of German Liberalism which is one of the most astonishing and hopeful movements in the new Europe.

The "Daily Graphic" considers the return of the Hohenzollerns matters little—the return of the spirit of the Hohenzollerns matters much. Germany, at the least, has taken the first step backward.

The "Daily Telegraph" considers that Marshal von Hindenburg is a political nonentity. His triumph is largely the work of one of the most active and dangerous politicians in Europe—Admiral von Tirpitz—who may be relied upon to make the fullest use of the opportunities now opened to him and his friends.

The "Morning Post" states that the joy-bells in Berlin, which are ringing the victory of Hindenburg are also sounding the knell of democratic Government in Germany.

The "Daily Mail" considers that if the democracy immediately answers to the strong lead, German industry will be stimulated to the utmost, increasing Britain's trading difficulties.

PESSIMISM IN BELGRADE.

Belgrade, April 28.

The newspaper comment on Marshal von Hindenburg's election is pessimistic.

The semi-official "Retech" declares that the election is a fresh defiance of Europe and the civilised world. The election will be the starting point of a campaign for the amendment of all treaties and the elimination of all obstacles in the way of Germany again becoming mistress of the world.

Warsaw, April 28.

The election of Marshal von Hindenburg has deeply impressed Polish public opinion. The newspapers are confident the Allies will take steps to secure themselves against the return of German aggression.

EQUIVOCATION DISPELLED.

Paris, April 28.

The papers state that von Hindenburg's election dispels any equivocation.

"Le Quotidien," the organ of the left bloc, says that France, who gave so many proofs of pacifism and generosity, will not henceforth grant concessions which, in view of the revival of German militarism, would be but failings.

"Le Figaro" remarks that the election is fully significant for it occurred in nowise as the result of abasement from abroad, but at the time when other countries were paying deference to Germany.

"Le Gaulois" estimates that the election makes clear the sense of the German offer of a pact of guarantee.

"Le Petit Journal" says the Allies must resolve a problem of security and take all necessary steps.

"Le Matin" writes that the Allies must face the new situation without prejudice, but with firmness.

VIEWS IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, April 28.

The Handelsblad states that the election of Hindenburg shows how clearly the German people are still dominated by sentimental as opposed to political feelings. His success primarily is personal.

TALK OF PARIS.

Paris, April 28.

The election of Hindenburg is still the engrossing theme to-day, the newspapers generally reiterating that however disquieting the result may be, it has the advantage of showing the Allies and the world the innermost feelings of the German people.

"Le Matin" says that Germany will now be very closely watched by the Little Entente; and certain defensive agreements—thought impossible a few days ago—will now be signed without difficulty.

TRIBUTE TO AN IDOL.

Melbourne, April 28.

The Argus' is of opinion that von Hindenburg's election is merely a tribute to a popular idol. It derives comfort from the small Community vote.

The Melbourne "Age" declares that the "Hindenburg Line" in politics can threaten no danger that Britain and her Allies are incapable of meeting.

ITALIAN OPINION.

Rome, April 28.

The Fascist organ, "Popolo d'Italia" rejoices at the anti-democratic verdict in Germany. The anti-Fascist "Corriere del Lavoro" regards April 27 as an ill-fated day for the forces fighting for order, democracy and European pacification.

ASTONISHMENT IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, April 28.

Astonishment is the keynote of Belgian comments. Hope is expressed that those who still believed that Germany was evolving in the direction of wisdom and peace, have now had their eyes opened.

VIEWS IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 28.

The "World" says the election of Hindenburg, like the return of Caillaux, symbolises French renunciation of Continental mastery. Hindenburg symbolises the German refusal to accept a permanent position of inferiority in Europe. If France has the grace to acknowledge Germany's position as a nation, and the German Nationalists have the sense not to exploit their slender victory, then the outcome may be far better than the name of Hindenburg suggests.

The New York "Times" says the immediate effect of the Nationalists' triumph on Germany's enemies obviously represents no gain for the cause of European appeasement. Hindenburg's pledge of loyalty to the Republic is undoubtedly sincere. He is unlikely, at his age, to lend himself to any desperate adventure; but it is still to be seen whether the unreconciled monarchist element will not read in the election a mandate to press forward.

The "Herald Tribune" says the Reich, in choosing Hindenburg, cut off its nose to spite its face, and heedlessly humiliated the most useful friends of Germany abroad, and immensely strengthened France's case against Germany.

Whilst no official comment on Hindenburg is obtainable, it is known Treasury officials regard the election as indicating a tendency among the majority of Germans towards conservatism, not justifying apprehension over the financial situation.

Fears held in some quarters that the election will cause important banking interests to withdraw support, are discounted on the ground that American investors care little about the political situation as long as the Government machine is functioning as well as the German machine is regarded as doing.

Yesterday's reaction on the market, particularly as regards German bonds, is regarded as temporary.

SPORT CABLE.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ROCHDALE GETS FIVE FROM BARROW.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 28.

In the Northern section of the Third League to-day, Rochdale, playing at home, defeated Barrow by 5 goals to 1.

DIVISION III.

Northern Section.

Goals.

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

Darlington.....41 24 37 10 38 58

Nelson.....40 23 11 7 78 44 53

N. Brighton.....40 22 11 7 74 47 51

Southport.....41 22 12 7 59 35 51

Rochdale.....40 20 13 7 73 52 47

Bradford.....39 17 10 12 74 38 45

Chesham.....41 16 14 11 53 43 43

Lincoln.....40 17 15 8 49 55 42

Halifax.....40 16 14 10 54 47 42

Grimsby.....41 15 17 9 60 38 30

Wigan.....41 14 16 11 58 55 30

Wrexham.....40 15 17 8 53 57 38

Ashington.....40 14 16 10 65 75 38

Crewe.....40 13 15 12 50 72 38

Doncaster.....42 14 18 10 54 64 38

Barrow.....40 15 18 7 50 67 37

Accrington.....40 14 18 8 50 70 36

Walsall.....41 13 18 10 43 52 36

Hartlepool.....40 12 18 10 44 60 34

Durham.....39 10 16 13 39 63 33

Tranmere.....40 14 22 4 58 69 32

Rotherham.....41 7 27 7 41 85 21

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

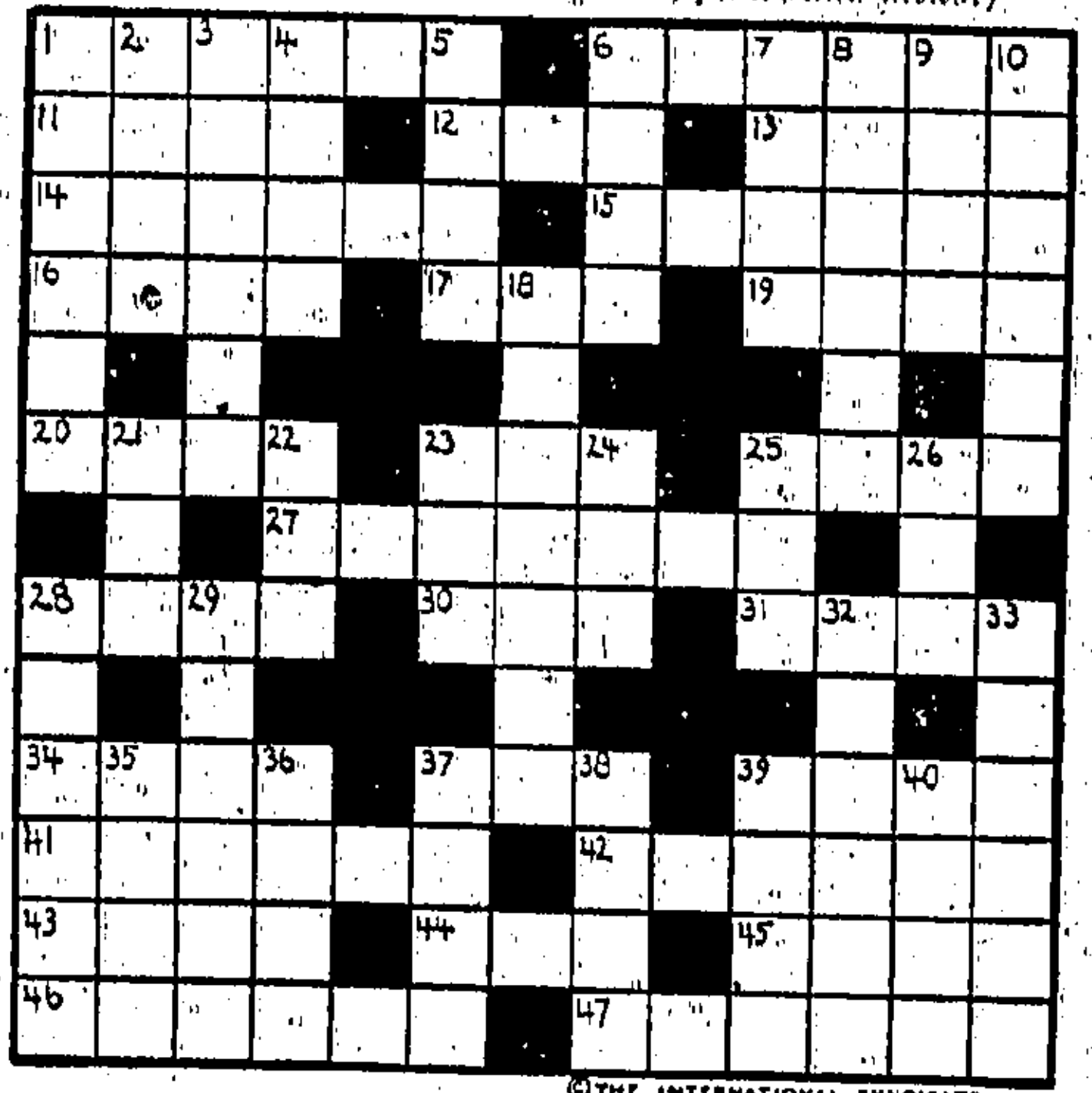
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DEPARTURES.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "President McKinley" on April 27:—Mr. W. H. Corning, Mr. W. Chisholm, Mr. D. T. Bulkeley, Mrs. E. Danenberg, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Proulx, Mr. G. T. Guignard, Miss Julia Gardiner, Mr. E. Ellis, Miss D. Hansen, Mr. L. Yick, Mr. C. G. O. Anderson, Mr. K. Shashibahara, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rettig, Mrs. Wong Shee, Mrs. E. L. Merritt, Miss D. Merritt, Mr. Jean Riant, Mr. A. J. Lachure, Miss C. Y. Stainton, Miss M. Stainton, Miss T. Dent, Mrs. Caplan, Mrs. J. Dunn, Mrs. A. L. Taylor, Mr. A. G. Ellis, Miss C. Wallace, Master D. Wallace, Miss M. F. Wallace, Mr. A. Marcan, Master J. Marcan, Miss Mary Marcan, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Perry, Mr. J. B. Sufolk, Mrs. K. Uhl, Mr. K. Gronke, Mr. R. A. McGrath, Mr. E. J. Pfeider, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Goffin, Mr. J. D. Simmons, Father B. F. Meyer, Miss I. M. Greenlee, Mr. F. on Moon-yuen, Mr. Foo Kong, Mrs. L. J. Townsend, T. Man, Hendrick, Mr. Look Chew Moon, Master Robert Look, Mrs. G. Look, Cheung-moon, Master A. Look, Master P. Look, Mr. Oakes, Miss M. Oakes, Miss E. E. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Craigie, Mr. Simon Feldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Forsythe, Mr. W. H. Forsythe, Mrs. Tom Hill, Mrs. Ella Kollerman, Mr. C. B. Morrison, Mr. D. Neven, Miss M. L. Stark, Mr. E. J. Small, Mr. Neil Wichman, Dr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Williams, Mr. Wong Sung.

CHINA MAIL'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(These cross-word puzzles have been made by experts but our readers are warned to watch out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, ploic, and altho.)



SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure of. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

HORIZONTAL.

- 1—Covered with grass
- 2—Far off
- 11—Thoroughfare
- 12—To be indebted to
- 13—Island (poet)
- 14—A hangover
- 15—Granted for temporary use
- 16—Enthusiasm
- 17—A low island
- 18—To lead
- 19—A mark in writing
- 23—A dog
- 24—To burn on the surface
- 27—A curve
- 28—A paradise
- 30—Idle chatter
- 31—The bird class of animals
- 34—Dandelion
- 37—Army of United States in World War (abbr.)
- 38—An island
- 41—Profits
- 42—Once a year
- 43—A slope or set to one side
- 44—Young animal
- 45—Fling
- 46—Of greater age (pl.)
- 47—Glorifies

VERTICAL.

- 1—Covered with a glassy coating
- 2—Fury
- 3—Chronicles
- 4—To close securely
- 5—Heart of an egg
- 6—To depend
- 7—Repeat
- 8—Fancy
- 9—Fastened
- 10—To make beloved
- 18—To pattern after
- 21—Conjunction
- 22—A few
- 23—A tooth
- 24—To polish by friction
- 25—Ocean
- 26—Affirmative
- 28—Rub out
- 29—To spread
- 32—Pertaining to sight
- 33—A kind of fish (pl.)
- 35—Egg shaped
- 36—Location
- 37—Requests
- 38—To lose color
- 39—One of ancient race of Peru
- 40—Final

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail" along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 29.—Coronet Theatre, "Rin-Tin-Tin."

April 29.—World Theatre, "The Green Goddess."

April 29.—Queen's Theatre, "Carter, the Magician."

April 29.—Star Theatre, Madame Kely's talented pupils in songs and dances, at 5.30 p.m.; "Deep Waters," also "Mind The Baby," 9.15 p.m.

May 1.—Grand variety concert in aid of Royal Artillery Association, at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

May 6.—James McGrath, Ltd., present Lee White and Clay Smith in "Hanky Panky" at Theatre Royal, 6.15 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

April 29.—First bi-annual race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, 4 p.m.

May 2.—Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 3 p.m.

May 2.—Third annual sports meeting of Cheung Chau Government School, football ground on Cheung Chau Island, 1 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Figures obtained from the Bureau of Public Works show that 15,076 motor vehicles are in use in the Philippine Islands, including 8,648 private cars and 1,087 garage cars.

In 1924 the University of Alberta had 1,341 registered students, according to the annual report of that institution. Of these, 908 were men and 433 women. Those of British birth were 905; those of foreign birth totalled 250, of which 193 were Americans. There were 186 not specified.

The weekly health return of the Medical Officer shows that the number of cases of notifiable diseases occurring in the Colony last week, was 10. Of these six were in the Victoria Registration area, and four in Kowloon. There were three cases of small-pox, enteric fever and cerebro-spinal fever, and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese. There were twelve deaths—four from small-pox, four from enteric fever (one imported), three from diphtheria. Influenza, which is not notifiable, claimed two victims. Monday's return shows two cases of small-pox (one Indian, and one Chinese) and a Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Approximately 750,000 tourists, apart from delegates to conventions, visited Montreal in 1924 by railway, steamer and automobile, according to an estimate compiled by the Montreal Tourist and Convention Bureau. It is anticipated that the influx for 1925 will be even greater than during the past year. This city is rapidly becoming a favourite city for international conventions, and the Kiwanis will make a strong bid at the coming international meeting at St. Paul to obtain the 1926 International Convention. Keen competition is expected from Boston, Washington, Memphis and Seattle. Local Kiwanis point out that besides the city's great historical interest and charming hotels and auditoriums, facilities are available and the city can also provide a wide range of educational and general entertainment for the delegates.

Silk forwarded from Hongkong by Empress of Russia on April 3 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on April 25, having been 22 days in transit.

A python measuring 24 feet long was killed recently on Sungei Batang Estate by the Manager, Mr. G. S. W. Larkins. A pig weighing 93 katis was found inside the stomach, one of the animal's feet having pierced the snake's intestines and thus caused its death before it could enjoy its little meal. The skin has, we understand, been purchased by a Government Officer who is shortly going on leave.

Japan's total population, in 1924 is given by the Bureau of Statistics of the Government as 59,138,900 in Japan proper. No figures are given for Korea and Formosa. Of this total, 29,622,200 are men and 29,516,700 women. The distribution of the population is 11,812,200 in the cities, and 47,326,700 in the country. Although there are slightly more women than men in the Nation, the reverse is true of urban population, which shows 6,118,700 men and 5,693,500 women in the cities. Tokyo's population is even more disproportionate, due, probably, to the large number of colleges and universities in the capital. Tokyo's total is given as 1,917,398, consisting of 1,056,656 men and 860,652 women.

Declaring the Filipinos are behind in all material progress, particularly in matters of economic development, Hon. Teodoro R. Yanco, speaking before the nineteenth convention of the "Society of Christian Workers" of the Christian Missionary Society in the Philippines for the Tagalog regions, urged his hearers to cultivate the habits of punctuality, industry and thrift and to pair religion with life. "Unless the Filipinos remedy their habitual tardiness, success in life and in industry cannot be fully attained," he declared. He said the Americans are successful because they are punctual. "No progress for the Philippines will be in sight unless this thing is changed," he added.

The Discovery, Captain Scott's Antarctic discovery vessel, has completed a lengthy reconstruction at Portsmouth, and is shortly sailing for the South Atlantic, where she is to carry out whaling research work.

Creamery butter production in Nova Scotia during 1924 amounted to 4,094,282 pounds, valued at \$2,153,297, according to the annual report of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. This is an increase of 12 per cent over the 1923 production and 8 per cent in the value.

A series of five and six month courses in the Chinese and Japanese languages has been arranged at King's College and the School of Oriental Studies for Army officers, to commence in October next. The object is to enable officers to master the rudiments of a language before going abroad for further study.

The mango season in Bangkok is just beginning and in a week's time the best varieties will be available in plenty. Another effort is being made to popularise mangoes in London, says a mail paper, and South African mangoes are fetching sixpence to one shilling and threepence each. An epicure in fruits described mango-cajoling as an acquired taste, and another experimentalist in London, sampling the fruit, thought its flavour a mixture of orange and peach.

The College of Pestology has awarded its first gold medal to Mr. F. G. Shute of the Ministry of Health for an essay on the mosquito problem. Mr. A. Moore Hogarth (hon. director of the college) read the successful essay, from which it appeared that there are about a thousand kinds of mosquitoes known, and that in Great Britain alone there are no fewer than twenty-five species. The presentation was made by Sir Ronald Ross. The Chairman announced that the next gold medal for 1925 would be given by the college for an essay of not more than 1,000 words on the dangers of the cockroach and their prevention.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

YACHTING.

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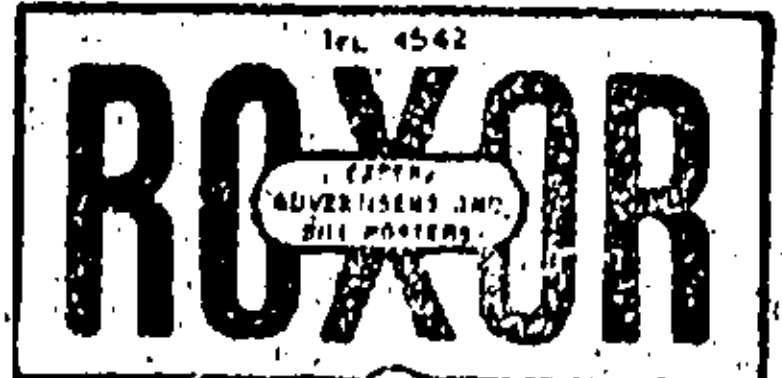
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Mr. R. H. Skelton returned to the Colony by the Empress of Asia.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton is among those on whom the University of Edinburgh will confer honorary degrees of Doctors of Law at the graduation ceremonial in July.

The Rev. H. R. Wells has returned from Home leave and resumes his duties with the London Missionary Society, including superintendence of the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society.

The members of Malacca Golf Club gave expression to their appreciation of the valued services rendered by their retiring captain, Mr. J. S. W. Arthur, the other afternoon at the Golf House, when he was presented with a very handsome week-end case.

The Governor-General of India has presented to Mr. H. S. Kavarana of Canton a medal in appreciation of his services as a member of the Municipal Council of the French Concession, and more specially for his valuable services to the French police for so many years. Mr. G. de la Prade, the French Consul, handed Mr. Kavarana the medal and certificate with suitable compliments.

Mr. J. Williams, who has just been appointed manager of Shanghai's Majestic Hotel, has for many years been connected with the management of leading hotels at Home and in the Far East. For three years he was the manager of the Imperial Hotel, Tientsin, and subsequently held a similar post at the Georgian Hotel, Piccadilly, from which he resigned to join the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels a year ago.

The Italian Opera brought regularly to the East by Mr. A. Carpi is now playing in Tientsin, following a tour in Japan. When the company passed through Shanghai en route for Tokyo some while ago, it was announced that they would appear before Shanghai audiences this month, which seems likely as the Tientsin season, which began on the 15th instant was to be for a fortnight. A perusal of the Northern papers indicates that the usual repertoire is being presented. The opening production at Tientsin was "Le Trovatore," with Signor Scamuzzi as the Count di Luna. Other singers who have appeared under Mr. Carpi's banner during several seasons in Shanghai are still with the company, including Signor Corbetta, Mile. Lashkova, who revealed herself as a good soprano and Mile. Minotti.

Sir Edward Pearce had to go into Dr. Ann Fearn's Sanatorium at Shanghai on April 19, to undergo a minor operation. He was reported next day to be going on well.

Passengers per s.s. President McKinley for the north included Mr. and Mrs. B. Proulx to Shanghai on their honeymoon, Mrs. C. Wallace, Mr. Marcan, Mrs. Ellis, and Mr. J. D. Simmons of Calcutta.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. G. L. Roome, R.N. (retired), second son of Engineer Rear-Admiral G. W. Roome, C.B.E., R.N. (retired), and Vera Mary, only daughter of Professor J. S. Brame and Mrs. Brame, of Blackheath. Engineer Rear-Admiral Roome will be remembered by many residents in the Colony as having been formerly stationed in Hongkong.

The Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh is to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Sir Charles Stewart Addis, K.C.M.G., Director of the Bank of England, and for many years associated with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Sir Charles will have the degree conferred, along with other distinguished recipients at the Graduation Ceremony in July. A similar honour was conferred upon Sir Charles by the University of Hongkong in 1922.

So keen is the Prince of Wales on playing the new musical instrument, the banjolele, that he is having a number of his favourite melodies specially arranged for it. The Prince now doesn't care for any dance other than the foxtrot, his best liked tunes at the moment being "Tea for Two," "Driftwood," and "Kentucky, sure as you're born." But especially the first, which, of course, is from No. 10, Nanette. It will be the rage soon.

Mr. Matzo Kito, President of the Japan Cotton Trading Co. Ltd. arrived in Hongkong by the s.s. Siberia Maru on Sunday with his daughter, Mr. Kito, a young and silk industries, was the representative of the Japanese merchants at the Peace Conference at Versailles in 1919. Under his efficient administration the Japan Cotton Trading Co. with its head office in Osaka, has increased its capital from ¥10,000,000 to ¥50,000,000, with a reserve and surplus fund of over ¥20,000,000, and has succeeded in establishing branch offices practically all over the world.

Mr. V. J. S. Rumble, of Shanghai, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

W. H. Lytle, (Public School for Boys) and Dorothy Forshaw, (Cathedral School for Girls), were awarded scholarships by the Shanghai St. George's Society.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Black, who have been staying at the Manila Hotel, are leaving for Hongkong. Mr. Black has joined a shipping firm here so they will no doubt be stationed here for some time. He was recently with W. F. Stevenson and Co., also shipping agents.

"I have prettier nieces than any other uncle in Europe," the Earl of Oxford and Asquith has remarked. The nieces in question, are the Countess of Westmorland, the Marchioness of Granby, Lady Lovat, Lady Colquhoun, and Mrs. Lionel Tennyson, who, perhaps, are duly flattered by this avuncular acknowledgment of their charms.

Mr. G. M. Jameson, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Hongkong, now visiting Shanghai, will leave for Home by the steamer Hector. Mr. Jameson, who was formerly an officer in "A" Co., S. V. C., has for the past few years commanded the British Volunteers in Hankow, in which position he has attained a very high measure of success.

For the promotion of intimacy between the students of China and Japan the Nihwa (Sino-Japan) Students' Harmony Society decided on the 6th instant to dispatch to China four of its delegates: Messrs. Tanaka (of the Tokyo Imperial University), Kanaya (of Keio), Fujii (of Meiji), and Kan (of Waseda).

The "Catholic Times" states that at the Brompton, Oratory, Minor Orders were conferred upon the Rev. Edmund Kilburn and the Rev. Anthony Holland, who, prior to their reception into the Catholic Church some time ago, were vicar and curate respectively of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Hoxton.

Sir James Barrie's visits to the House of Commons have been so frequent that one begins to wonder whether he has some sinister object in view. The other evening he descended from his perch in the Disfranchised Strangers' Gallery to dine with Ramsay MacDonald, who had also invited Mr. and Mrs. John Drinkwater. Is it possible that Sir James contemplates following Augustus John into the Labour Party?

£5,000 DAMAGES. LONDON SOCIETY ACTION CONCLUDED. THE DENNISTOUN CASE. One of the Most Degrading—Ever Heard.

One of the most remarkable—and in many respects one of the most degrading—cases that has ever occupied the attention of the High Courts of Britain was virtually concluded, when Mr. Justice McCardie and a special jury in the King's Bench Division awarded Mrs. Dorothy Mariel Dennistoun £5,000 damages against her former husband, Lieut.-Colonel Ian Onslow Dennistoun, whom she divorced in France in 1921, and who subsequently married Almina, Countess of Carnarvon, the widow of the Earl who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen.

The case itself was comparatively simple. Mrs. Dennistoun, in the first place, claimed repayment (with interest) of various sums of money, amounting in all to £1,335—nearly half of it borrowed for the purpose—which she said she had lent to her husband or advanced to pay his debts. In addition, she

during the war, Mrs. Dennistoun was, with the knowledge of her husband, virtually the mistress of General Sir John Cowans, and that these relations continued right up to the General's death in 1921. The only difference between parties was as to whether this was, as Mrs. Dennistoun alleged and her

PRINCIPAL IN "GENERAL X" SUIT.



MRS. DOROTHY M. DENNISTOUN.

Mrs. Dorothy Mariel Dennistoun, whose revelations in the London courts, in her suit against her former husband, Colonel Ian Dennistoun, now the husband of the Earl of Carnarvon's widow, shocked all England.

also claimed damages for alleged breach of agreement in respect that, at the beginning of her divorce proceedings in France against the defendant, he requested her not to obtain an order for alimony, and agreed with her that if she would refrain from endeavouring to obtain alimony he would, as soon as he was in a financial position to do so, make proper provision for her during her natural life.

husband denied, the price of Colonel Dennistoun's promotion in the Army, or whether it was to gratify her own personal ambition, as her husband alleged and she denied. There was naturally much cross-swearing, and counsel on either side exhausted his vocabulary in describing the accomplished untruthfulness of the other side. Perhaps the main plea of the defence was that the action was merely blackmail. Mrs.

NOT WORRIED BY SCANDAL.



COL. & MRS. IAN O. DENNISTOUN & ATTORNEY.

This photograph was taken as Col. and Mrs. Dennistoun (former Lady Carnarvon) and their counsel left the law courts during the hearing of the trial.

Colonel Dennistoun denied that he had had any money except as gifts from time to time, and, with regard to the borrowed money, maintained that it was paid to him against certain furniture assigned to his wife.

LURID SIDELIGHTS.

The case, however, was remarkable mainly for the strong sidelight it threw on the manner of life led by those sections of society in which the parties moved, allegations of immorality being bandied from one side to the other, and scarcely denied. In particular, it was brought out that, for years

Dennistoun having left over her claim until after she married Lady Carnarvon and had her money at his disposal to settle out of Court—a view of the case which Mrs. Dennistoun indignantly denied.

THE JURY'S FINDINGS.

The jury, who were absent nearly three hours considering the questions put to them by Mr. Justice McCardie, found in effect that the defendant made an agreement to "assist" the plaintiff from time to time, provided that he was in a position to do so, but that the alleged verbal agree-

GHASTLY STORY.

SIBERIAN GOLD QUEST.

FAMINE AND CANNIBALISM.

A ghastly story of the adventures and sufferings of victims of the gold fever in the Yakutsk Province of Siberia is quoted by the *Ruf* from the *Amourskaya Pravda*. As already reported, the discovery of unusually rich gold deposits at Tommot, on the River Aldan, has completely turned the heads of the inhabitants of Siberia. For more than a year a stream of intending diggers has poured towards the new El Dorado from every side.

The remnant of one party which struggled through to Tommot stated that, like many other gold-seekers, they and their comrades lost their way in the jungle and wandered about till they had exhausted all their supplies of food. They even ate the tops of their fish-boats. Then came a moment when the whole party appeared doomed to death from famine. The desperate situation was discussed in all its aspects, and after many hesitations it was decided to consume the bodies of those of the party who died of sickness or exhaustion. The legs and arms of a dead Chinaman were cut off, boiled, and devoured.

Finally, however, all the available human flesh had been consumed, and no further member of the party had died. By this time the adventurers had almost accustomed themselves to a cannibal diet, and apparently no longer recoiled from the thought of killing one another for food. It was decided to cast lots as to who should die to save the rest from starvation. The lot fell on a man who was accompanied by two sons. By their entreaties the young men persuaded the wanderers to wait yet one more day before their father was sacrificed. This delay saved the life of the pre-destined victim. Before the fatal term had expired a dead horse was encountered, and on the flesh of this animal the party kept themselves alive till they succeeded in reaching Tommot.

ment as set out in the pleadings was not made; also, that the parties mutually intended that any words used by the defendant should constitute a legal and binding agreement between them. The alleged agreement was not part of the arrangements for a collusive divorce.

Later, at the request of plaintiff's counsel, the Judge asked the jury to consider the damages due to Mrs. Dennistoun for breach of contract on the part of the defendant. The jury retired again, and on their return the foreman announced that they assessed the damages at £5,000.

As to other questions submitted by the Judge, the jury found that the plaintiff paid on behalf of the defendant in 1913 the sum of £616 as a loan, and that £100 paid by the defendant to the plaintiff in May, 1923, was not a payment on account of the £616. The sums of £336 and £136 claimed by the plaintiff were loans.

Replying to some questions put by the Judge in regard to the jury's finding in the matter of the agreement, the foreman said it did not mean that the defendant was to support Mrs. Dennistoun if she became the wife or mistress of Bolin (a wealthy Spaniard with whom she was alleged to be keeping company), nor was it to be irrespective of whether she was the wife or mistress of a rich man. Defendant's duty to assist was to vary from time to time, according to his means, but the jury had not considered whether defendant's means were to be considered apart from Lady Carnarvon's. His Lordship said the jury would have to consider that.

BEWILDERMENT IN COURT.

The jury's findings seemed to cause considerable bewilderment in court. Sir Ellis Hume-Williams, K.C., for the plaintiff, asked for judgment on the loans issues, and said that the finding in regard to the agreement necessitated arguments on points of law. Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., confessed to being very confused. It seemed to him that the finding on the agreement contained certain contradictions. His Lordship said that the defence was entitled to the verdict, and Mr. Birkett replied that he would therefore ask for judgment, but did not wish to make any submission until he was confident of the jury's findings. As they had not found that the agreement as pleaded had been made, he did not mind what happened, and, in any case, he asked for verdict for the defendant. His Lordship said he could not entertain applications for judgment then. It was obvious that there was occasion for full argument. A discussion followed on the defendant's counter claim for furniture.

Colonel Dennistoun abandoned the counter-claim relating to the furniture, and the jury were discharged, and exempted from service for eight years.

Arrangements then proceeded on the questions answered by the jury.

NOTABLE DECISION.

THE KETTELWELL CASE JUDGMENT.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

Few legal actions in the Far East in recent years have been followed by the general public with so much interest as the recently concluded case at Hongkong, in which Captain Kettlewell, a master mariner, sued the China Navigation Company for substantial damages for alleged wrongful dismissal; and it is safe to say that the highly written judgment of Sir Henry Gollan, Chief Justice of Hongkong, running into something like 8,500 words, will carry an authority and an importance far beyond the confines of British jurisdiction in the Far East, remarks the *"N. C. Daily News."* The case is—on its face—of no particular importance, in that no exactly similar action seems ever to have been brought before; nor, so far as a layman could follow the progress of the case, does it seem that any of the eminent counsel engaged were able to quote any previous action in which the issues involved were strictly analogous to those of this case.

Sir Henry Gollan has categorically decided that whatever the defendant company's own eyesight tests may have been, the fact that plaintiff passed the Board of Trade test—disproving completely the charge of defective eyesight—what the effect of this decision will be remains to be seen, for many private companies, not in the Far East alone, have two beliefs: their own private eyesight tests, and the effect of a judgment which recognises, without equivocal and legally so—the only test that can legally be recognised, will render any and every private test legally and for all practical purposes null and void.

The decision of the Hongkong Chief Justice regarding leave pay is equally important, though in a totally different sphere. In this case he has decided that although the plaintiff, having completed five years' service with the company, was due for six months' leave on full pay, it was a condition of leave and pay being granted that plaintiff should "satisfactorily continue" in defendant's service, and that, as he had not so continued, he was not entitled to recover anything under this head. That this decision will have an important bearing on the whole question of leave for British people in contract in the Far East, there can be no doubt; and a logical consequence of this judgment will probably be that the leave clauses of those contracts in these parts will need to be revised and clarified, so that both employers and employed will know exactly how they stand. If the Kettlewell case brings about this, if nothing else, it will not have been fought in vain.

SEAFARERS' VIEWPOINT.

The full text of the judgment in the claim by Captain Kettlewell against the China Navigation Company arrived only a short time before we went to press, says *"Shipping and Engineering,"* and though, for that reason, it is difficult in the very limited time at our disposal to make any lengthy comment, there is one feature of the judgment which is as salient as important. It cannot too strongly be emphasized that this judgment carries an exceptional importance, in that certain of its decisions affect not only British shipping men on the China Coast, but throughout the Empire, and in this connection the decision regarding the eyesight tests of the Board of Trade vis-à-vis those of private companies is one that cannot be considered too seriously. (As far as the material results of the action are concerned, it appears to us that neither side can claim a complete

victory, and that the only people who have benefited from the action are the lawyers. They generally say so.)

The judge observed, in his decision, that as regards the question of defective eyesight—the crux of the claim—Captain Kettlewell had passed the Board of Trade vision test and had received a certificate of competency. The defendant company, prior to the dismissal of plaintiff, had not laid down any standard of vision, but had tacitly accepted the certificate issued by the Board of Trade. The judge commented further that the master of the s.s. *Apocry*, on which vessel Captain Kettlewell had served after his dismissal by the China Navigation Company, had given good practical reasons for his belief that plaintiff was a thoroughly competent bridge officer. The judge apparently had no possible alternative to accepting and upholding the Board of Trade eyesight test and certificate, and to ignoring the private test instituted by the company. This was inevitable. While it is no more in our province than it was in that of the judge to censure the respective merits and demerits of the Board of Trade test with that of the company, it was obvious from the beginning that, unless the authority and competency of the Board of Trade were to be ignored and flouted—an unthinkable contingency, however inadequate the B.O.T. test may be considered by some—the official certificate had to be upheld. It may not be out of place here to recall that the present B.O.T. standard tests were formulated by a carefully-chosen committee of eleven, of whom at least six were experts of the highest order in regard to the human vision. It has never before seriously been suggested, we venture to say, that these standard tests, affecting many thousands of navigating officers, were inadequate to the needs of the British merchant marine, or that an officer who was capable of passing them satisfactorily might be considered as inferior, by reason of vision, to have charge of the bridge of a ship. The whole question of B.O.T. eyesight tests and qualifications versus those of private companies would therefore appear to condense itself as follows: The B.O.T. has an official eyesight test, by passing which any officer who is otherwise qualified is fitted to take charge of the bridge of a ship in any part of the world; yet, apparently, this test, formulated by some of the Empire's greatest experts, is not considered adequate and satisfactory by some private companies, who seem to prefer that certain of their employees shall undergo a further test even more stringent than that of the Board of Trade. If such additional, unofficial tests were to be condoned and upheld, the obvious analogy would present itself: Why stop at the eyesight tests of the B.O.T. only? Why not additional and more severe private tests in navigation, seamanship and the like? and why not private tests, over and above the official ones, for engineers, ship's doctors and others whose knowledge is technical and whose qualifications are covered by officially issued or recognised certificates? This, of course, is quite feasible that many companies are not satisfied with the adequacy of the B.O.T. vision tests, but in such a case surely the more correct and equitable procedure would be to make representations to the Government to that effect, rather than cause officers to be re-examined to an unofficial standard and possibly failed. In a matter so vital as the eyesight of a navigating officer, there can be no two standards of efficiency, and the one, the only standard that can or should be recognised is the Government, Official, Board or Trade standard. Any officer who comes up to that standard is indubitably qualified and efficient, irrespective of any real or imaginary disabilities which private and unofficial tests may or may not disclose. The Chief Justice of Hongkong has upheld the Board of Trade eyesight test, and that test remains the one and only vision test which can be recognised as fitting an officer for navigating duties. This fact has been made abundantly clear, and it is strongly to be hoped that there will be no further question of the Board of Trade eyesight (or any other) test being subjugated to any extraneous test, the standard of passing of which is very much "x," and which would only be likely to bring about further conflict.

A woman entered a theatre recently, and happened to take a seat in front of a newly married couple. She was scarcely seated before they began making remarks about her. Her last year's hat and cloak were criticized with more or less giggling on the bride's part, and there is no telling what might have come next if the woman had not put a stop to the conversation by a bit of clever strategy. She turned her head, noticed that the bride was considerably older than the bridegroom, and in smooth tones said: "Madam, will you please ask your son to remove his feet from the back of my chair?"



THE KETTELWELL CASE.

Representative Fred M. Vinson of the Ninth District of Kentucky brought a horse's nest down on his head when he read from the floor of Congress his poem about President Coolidge's electric horse. His fellow members made earnest efforts to keep him from reading the verses.

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Odious Cruvons and Curt Wallace, farmers, entered pleas of guilty when charged with having traded each other's wives. They were sentenced to five months in jail, and their wives received the same punishment at the court's hands. The couples have announced their intention of obtaining divorces and re-marrying in accordance with their present affections.



SEN. RICHARD P. ERNST

Senator Richard Ernst, Republican, of Kentucky, threw the Senate into an uproar when he asked the Chairman, Senator Fess, of Ohio, if there was any way under the rules he could call another Senator a "willful, malicious liar." This question was asked after Senator James Couzens, Republican, of Michigan, had charged Ernst with furnishing the Treasury Department with information as a result of which valuable letters and documents had disappeared from the income tax committee's files.



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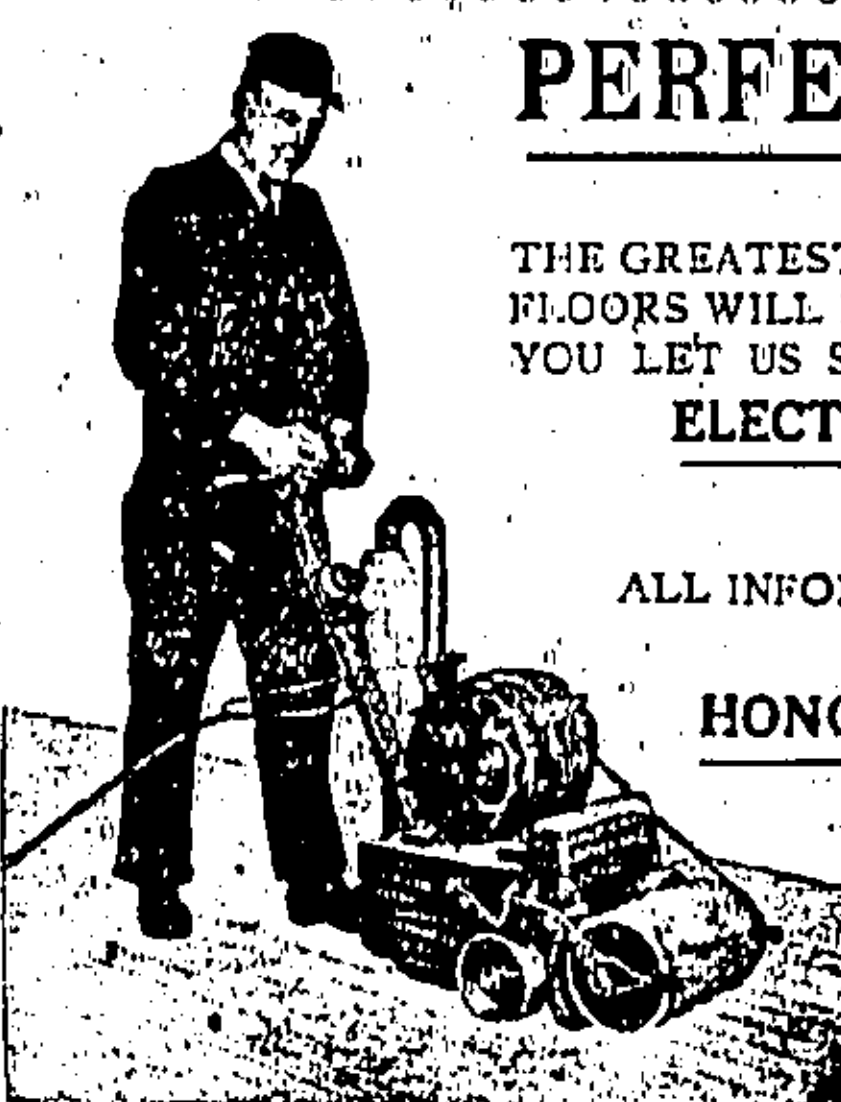
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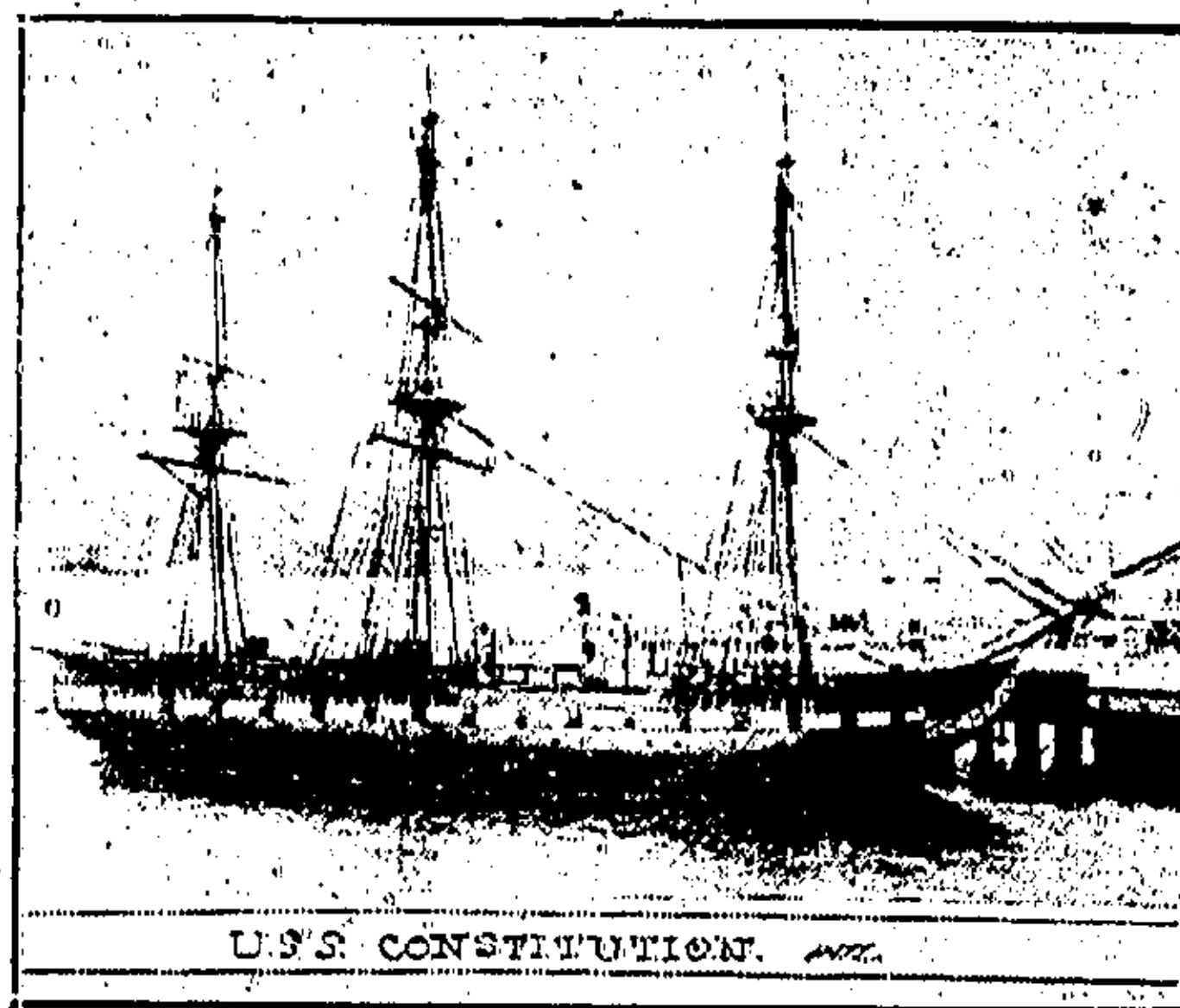
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The historical naval frigate "Constitution," better known as "Old Ironsides," a relic of Revolutionary days, has been placed in a Boston dry dock for reconditioning, after which it will be preserved for posterity. Until recently the old vessel was used as a naval training ship, but it is no longer fit for such service.



HARRY F. SINCLAIR

This is the latest photograph of Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate and sportsman, snapped in Cheyenne, where he appeared at the hearing of the Government's suit to annul his license on the Teapot Dome Naval oil reserves.

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Peter Augustus Jay, United States Minister to Rumania, has been named by President Coolidge to be Minister to the Argentine. Colonel William Donovan, who commanded the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Regiment of the Rainbow Division in France, has been appointed assistant to the Attorney-General by President Coolidge. Solicitor-General James Beck, twice passed over for appointment as Attorney-General, will soon retire from Government service. Miss Edna Boulaine, a cloak model, has sued Jules Rueff, jeweller for \$100,000, alleging breach of promise after accepting his attentions when he told her, she alleges, he was lonesome.



A. B. HOUGHTON

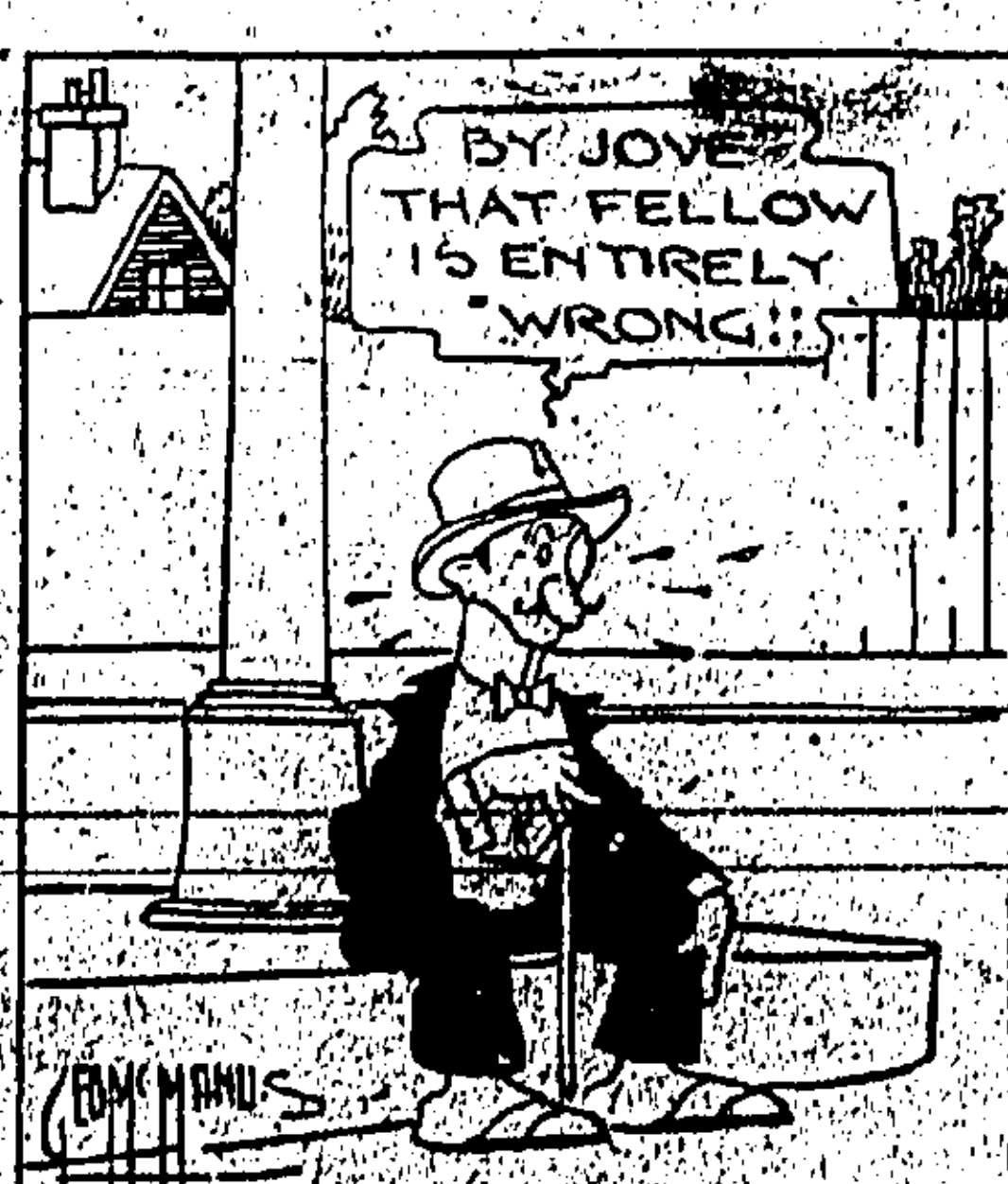
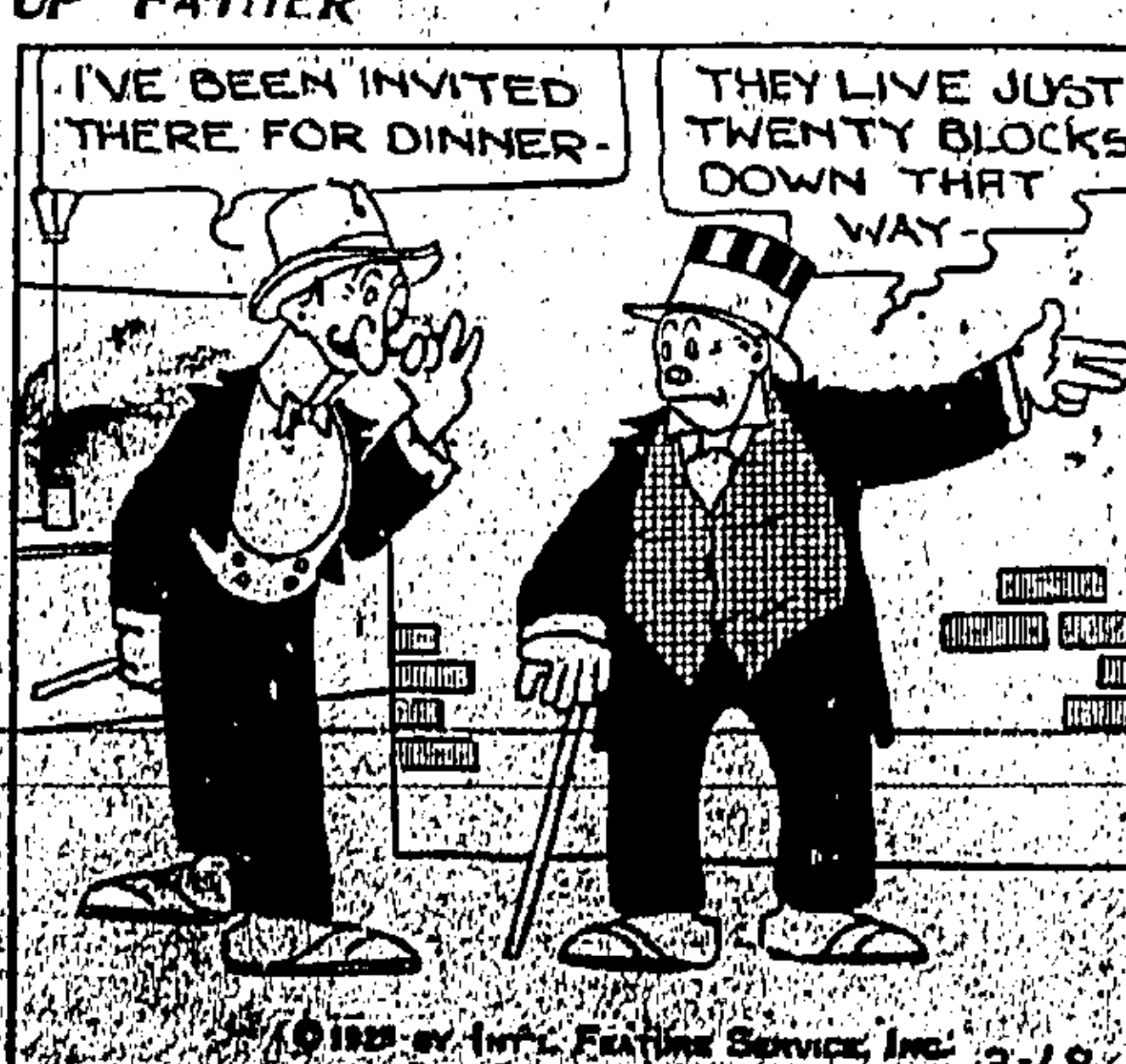
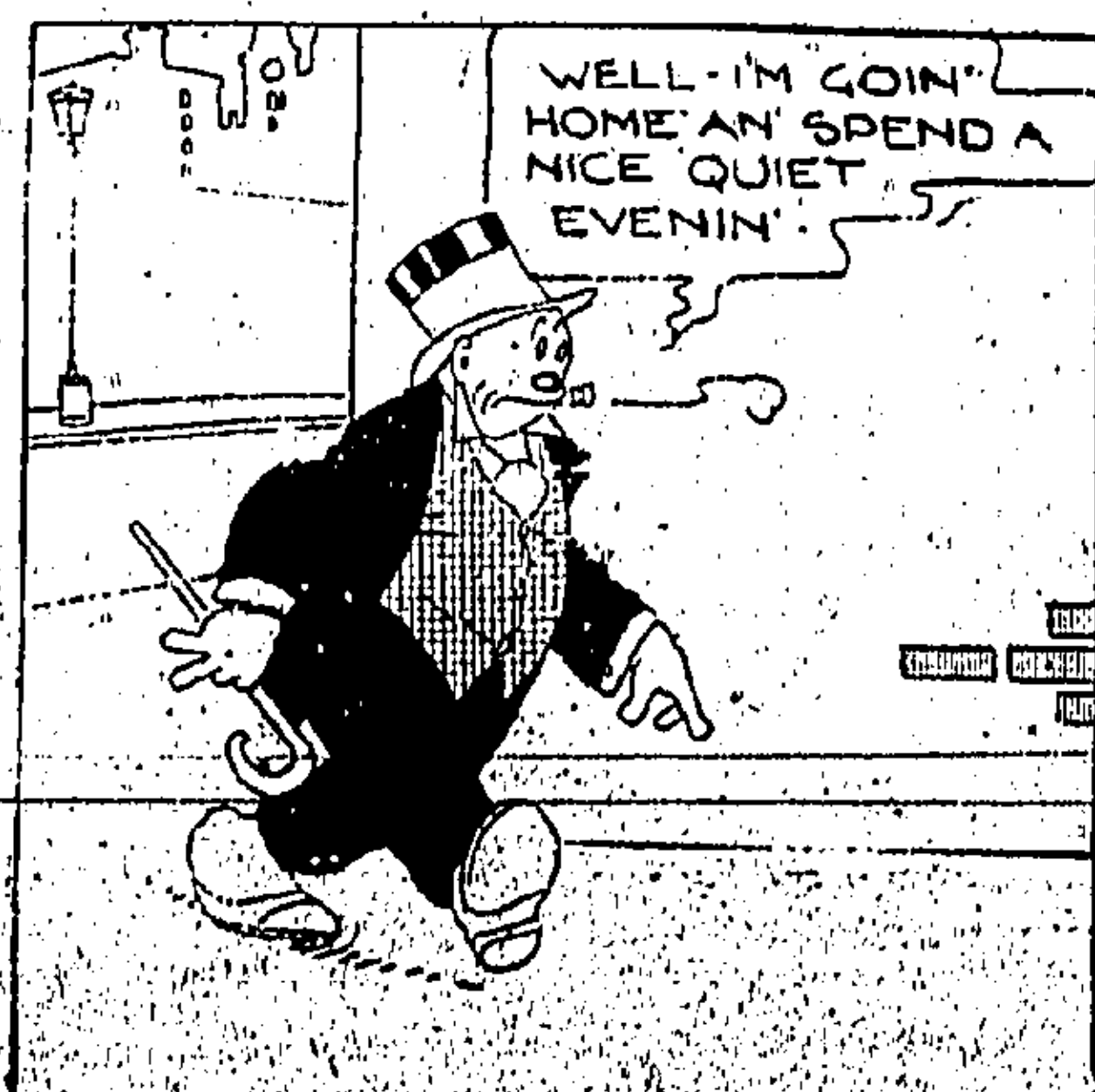
Alanson B. Houghton, former Ambassador to Germany, and newly appointed envoy to Great Britain, has arrived in London.



MISS FREDERICK HOTALING (L) LOUIS MADISON (R)
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The police are baffled by an alleged attempt to poison several of the heirs and members of the family of the late A. P. Hotelling, a millionaire. Milk treated with poison was found at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hotelling. Louis Madison, a taxi driver, is under arrest. Ralph King, former Hawaiian policeman, told the police he had been hired to poison three members of the Hotelling family. Richard Hotelling, a wealthy man, was implicated by King and Madison as the alleged poison plotter, so he might gain control of the huge Hotelling estate, but he has branded the story as false.

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A JOCKEY'S OPINION.

Frank Dempsey, the Australian jockey, who has come over to England, to pursue his career as a jockey, has recently been giving his views about riding "down-under," and more particularly in the State of Victoria. He is quoted as saying: "Though riding is going on to a shocking degree in Victoria, I am not going to say that it is intentional, but hardly a race is run without two or three animals being interfered with. The standard of race riding is very bad, in fact, it never has been worse in my opinion. It is a matter for the authorities. Mostly it is due to carelessness. Dempsey will probably find that even in England 'carelessness' is sometimes a prominent feature. The fault for this undoubtedly lies with the authorities. If the stewards were more strict, there would be less interference with horses. It is seldom that stewards take the initiative, unless some complaint is made. Dempsey, when he left Australia, was at the top of the winning list. One of his mounts he had ridden 34 winners, which shows quite a good average. He was top in front of his nearest rival, who had been successful on 21 occasions out of 126 mounts. Dempsey took a winner on the eve of his departure, and he was accorded a wonderful reception, evidence of his popularity, with all classes.

SHANGHAI FOOTBALL.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Shanghai Football Association's annual dinner, at the Hotel Plaza, was a big success, and a large crowd was in attendance, including the visitors from Hongkong who have given us such excellent exhibitions of football recently, says the "China Press."

There was the usual flow of champagne, compliments, congratulations, and other more substantial liquids. The trophies won during the past year were presented, the Shanghai Football Club getting the lion's share with its complete "tea service."

Everyone enjoyed themselves hugely, and our reporter only regrets he is not in condition to write more coherently and fully his observations of the evening. Anyway, it was a big night, and the Plaza outdid itself in the splendid feast it provided.

BOXING.

Mike Ballerino, who won the world's junior, lightweight championship from Steve Sullivan, is another product of the Olympic Stadium, Manila, which produced Pancho Villa.

VILLA-SENICIO FIGHT.

LADIES TO ATTEND.

Pancho Villa has commenced training for his coming bout with Senicio at Hotel de France where the champion has established his quarters. Pancho sparred with Kid Nany and Young Fernandez and showed real speed. Sacramento, another training mate for Villa will arrive soon. Clever Senicio engaged in two training bouts also knocking down Kid Gavo, one of his sparring mates. He also boxed with Battling Mac showing clever foot work and handy boxing.



PANCHO VILLA

One of the features of the coming Villa-Senicio battle will be the presence of ladies in the open air stadium at Wallace Field. A number of reservations have been asked for female boxing enthusiasts of the locality.

Pancho Villa is not trying to evade a match with Johnny Hill, according to Paquito Villa who also said that they are willing to consider Jack Sanders' boy after the coming Senicio-Villa titular bout set for May 2.

In the first place Villa is willing to meet Hill on condition that he makes 118 pounds at two o'clock on the date of the fight and post a guarantee for P.8,000 and that the bout be staged on the same ring where the coming Senicio-Villa affair will take place next month. Furthermore that Villa

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THE EASTER ATTRACTION.

The fine, new links of the Singapore Golf Club at Bukit Timah were this year, for the first time, the venue of the F.M.S. and Straits Settlements Golf Championship, and it was fitting that the event should be signalled by the success of a representative of the Singapore Golf Club. This Easter sporting attraction drew a large crowd to the new course to witness the excellent golf that was forthcoming from some of Malaya's best golfers, and also to the "At Home" which concluded a very successful competition. Of the twenty-eight competitors it was to be regretted that only eight came from outside Singapore, Selangor sending six, and Penang and Province Wellesley two. The most notable absentee was E. P. Kyle, who has recently proceeded on leave and will compete in the Home Championship, but his brother entered and was the only up-country player to reach the semi-final, where he was defeated by Nash. The final saw the meeting of two representatives of the Singapore Golf Club, Harrie and Nash, and for the first time for several years the championship of Malaya was won by a Singapore player, the successful competitor last year being Crabbe-Watt (Penang) and for three years previously Kyle (Selangor). Nash, whose appearance in the final may have caused surprise to some but not to those who have watched his progress in Singapore, drove a wonderfully long ball, but was more erratic than Harrie, the Singapore champion, who, playing consistently good golf throughout, was a worthy winner by 4 and 3. Harrie returned a 75 in the qualifying round and had an average of two, over 4's for the fifteen holes of the final.

will be entitled to share 37½ per cent. of the gate receipts while the challenger gets 12½. "Not only that," said Paquito, "but Pancho will give Hill his own share should the fight end in Hill's favour provided Johnny also promises to do likewise should he be defeated." That is to say, that Johnny Hill must agree to stake up his own share of the gate receipts plus 25 per cent. more as side money, making in all 37½ per cent. of the gate receipts that Hill must surrender as a side issue.

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HEALTHY OUTLOOK.

(Continued from page 1.)

I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts of the Company for the financial year ending February 28, 1925 (including the apportionment recommended by the Directors as therein indicated) as presented, be adopted, and I shall be obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

MR. BIRD'S CONFERENCE.

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Mr. H. W. Bird said: I have much pleasure in seconding the proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts for the past financial year and I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Directors and staff on the results attained.

The policy of augmenting the Company's reserve I heartily endorse, and I am sure that the shareholders' presence will give me the assurance that the Company has placed on a very sound basis, in that the reserve will reach the figure of \$170,000.00.

Seconding the present allocation is made, especially having regard to the fact that this has been done on a very sound basis. I am glad to hear Sir that we are going to move into our new premises next year and I fully expect that when the transfer is effected and we have settled down, the results will be better, for I believe it to be the essence of successful store-keeping to be able to display one's goods to the best advantage and that is impossible in our present premises, every one of us knows how when walking along the street one's attention is drawn to something displayed in a shop window and how thoroughly one is drawn inside after which it is up to the successful salesman to see that one does not leave without making a purchase.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Chan Tong, retiring director, was re-elected upon the proposition of Mr. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. H. Greenwood. Messrs. Linkstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$1,250 on the proposition of Mr. D. M. Goodall, seconded by Mr. H. E. Scriven.

Peking, April 28.—At a Cabinet meeting held to-day, it was decided to appoint Chu Ching-lan, formerly Director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, Tupan of the Tsingtao Administration. A mandate appointing him and dismissing Kao En-hung, the present Tupan, is expected to-day.—Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.

Peking, April 28.—It is reported that Liang Shi-yi will be appointed Chairman of the Financial Rehabilitation Committee, which will readjust financial affairs between the Central Government and the provinces.—Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.



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